

Weekly Woodpecker Class News (7.10.16)

This week, in English, we continued our study of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl. We have focussed on noun phrases, alliteration, adverbial phrases, metaphors and speech punctuation. These were used to write about Charlie thinking about and buying another chocolate bar, opening it and winning the last Golden Ticket!

In Maths this week, we have been developing or extending our ability to add with efficient written methods for arithmetic (non-context) questions. We have also further explored multiplying and dividing whole and decimal numbers by powers of 10 (10,100, 1000 etc.) as well as adding and subtracting them.

We continued our first Science unit of the year 'We are Space Presenters', by learning more about the individual planets in our Solar System as well as their relative sizes and distances from the sun. We also finished writing our script and making our models and resources needed in order to film Episode 1 of our Stargazing series on 'The Solar System'.

In Topic, we researched evidence for the idea that the Ancient Maya area of Chichen Itza helped people long ago to understand some aspects of our solar system. On Tuesday we had a cooking morning where we prepared and made a variety of traditional Maya food: cornmeal tortillas, cornmeal chilli gruel, guacamole and salsa!

Elsewhere, we took part in the Harvest Festival and PE/Art lessons.

To view regular updates and photos of some of the activities we do, visit the school's Twitter page (you do not need to be a member or follow us to see these): www.twitter.com/ClipstonSchool

Homework Tasks:

- **Topic (Learning Log):** Create a picture of a Maya plate of food based on what we have learnt about their farming and from our cooking session.
*Please hand in your completed task, in your learning log, by **Wednesday 12th October.***
- **Spelling & Punctuation:** Your dictation exercise, on some of last week's spelling words, will take place in next **Friday.**
- **Multiplication facts:** A test of a variety of multiplication facts will take place on **Tuesday** afternoon. **Please practise all facts up to 12 x 12.**
- **Reading:** You are expected to do **at least 1 hour** of independent reading at home, **every week.**
Please get a parent/carer to sign below to show that you have done this, as there is no home reading records in Woodpecker Class:

Signature:.....

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