

Reception -

This week we have started our new meaty topic of Dinosaurs! We have explored what we already know and what we would like to find out about them.

In Maths, we have been focusing on the concept of 1 less than and continuing to learn about the properties of 3D shapes.

Thank you very much to the parents who helped over the half term to bring their children's planets to life, they look fantastic!

HOMEWORK

Phonics and reading at least 4 times a week.

Year 1 -

This week the children have been writing a simple diary about the things that they did in the Half Term holiday. Thank you so much for all those who helped the children with their writing homework. The children have enjoyed sharing their news with each other

In Science the children have been labelling the different parts of their body as well as beginning to learn about the features of different animals. e.g. Elephants are grey and have two tusks and a trunk.

In Maths the children have been practising and improving their subtraction skills, solving subtraction calculations using cubes, a number line or a 100 square.

HOMEWORK

As always, please try and ensure that your child has read four or more times in order to be in with a chance of winning the reading challenge. Please continue to practise the 100 words in the back of the reading diary. If your child is able to read all 100 words confidently, please can you begin to practise spelling them.

Thank you for all your support.

Year 2 -

In Maths we have been looking at fractions. We have halved and quartered shapes and learned that they are part of a whole. We have started looking at equivalent fractions and how two quarters are equal to one half.

This week we have been learning about responsibility. We have linked this to our English work and have been developing our speaking and listening skills by talking about things that we are responsible for at home and at school.

To develop our understanding of responsibility we worked with a partner to decorate an egg and we had to be responsible for it throughout the day. We then wrote about our experience, making sure that we included capital letters, full stops, noun phrases, conjunctions and different types of sentences in our work.

We have also read The Litter Queen and talked about the way it has been written and whether the author has used noun phrases, conjunctions and different sentence types in his writing.

Congratulations to Hawthorn who won the Reading Homework Challenge. We hope that they enjoy their special reward. Well done to all those children in Year 2 who did their homework during the Half Term holiday.

A quick reminder that next week is Book Week and the children can bring in a favourite book to share. Various events have been planned for the week ending with Dress Up Day on Friday 8th March.

Year 2 Shared Reading with a parent/grandparent is on Wednesday 6th March at 2.45.

Homework

Reading is homework and the children should be reading to an adult at least 4/5 times a week, and reading diaries signed and dated. Please make sure that your child is doing this as it makes a considerable difference to their progress in reading, particularly if they talk and answer questions about what they have read.

Spellings: Written below are the phonemes/graphemes/words that the children will be practising next week. Please practise these at home too.

Suffix ment - add **ment** to turn a verb into a noun

e.g. pay - payment enjoy - enjoyment

Suffix ful - add **ful** to turn a noun into an adjective that means full of something

e.g. pain - painful beauty - beautiful

Spelling guidelines - continue to practise - **their, there, they're, they, them, these**