

Year 3 Newsletter

Week Ending 8th December 2016

Homework

As they worked so hard on their writing homework from last week, the children's homework this week is their reading and spellings.

Maths:

In maths this week, we have been learning about capacity and how to read a scale using the measuring equipment. On Monday we were using the equipment to estimate and measure different amounts of liquid. We found that it can be quite tricky to estimate the quantities of liquid needed as well as reading the different scales on the measuring jugs.

We have then used our column addition and subtraction skills to solve calculations and problems involving measures. Our confidence with this has improved greatly and we are now more confident when trying to recognise whether exchanging is needed or not.

English:

In English, we have been learning about poetry. We have been reading different types of list poems and comparing how they have been written to attract the reader's attention.

We had a go at writing our own list poem called 'When There Are No Teachers.' We thought carefully about what we might do if the teachers had all gone home and we shared our ideas. We then used these to help us to write our poem. Whilst writing, we realised that we needed to think about the sentences carefully, to explain what each of the children were up to.

We had a lot of fun writing these poems, creating situations and activities for the children to experience!

Science:

This week we have been learning about how fossils are created. We learnt that there are different types of fossils that can be found, but we have focused our learning on replacement, trace and cast fossils.

We now know that the fossils are usually created under the sea over thousands of years, under many layers of rock. After time, the sea recedes and the rocks become exposed. We talked about erosion and how this affects the rocks. We understand that the rocks erode, leaving the fossil exposed for a palaeontologist to find.

Spellings:

The spellings this week are the il-, im- and ir-prefix. The children were given their spelling lists yesterday (Thursday), which have all of their spellings, as well as two from the year 3/4 list.

