



# CLASSROOM NEWS

'Take a peek at our week'

Week 7: 17/10/16 - 21/10/16

## THIS WEEK'S LEARNING

### English

The children finished their newspaper reports, also referred to as recounts. They have all worked extremely hard this week, focussing on the structure of a report, direct and reported speech, apostrophes for possession, expanded noun phrases and of course spelling! They have been very busy indeed and produced some very good pieces. Well done everybody!

### Maths

This week has been mostly about learning to use the times tables. The children have been learning some of the tables through chanting, singing, spotting patterns, and playing games as well as through exercises in their books. As a result, the children are becoming more fluent using the times tables. Weekly times tables tests will be introduced after half term.

### Science

The children tried to set up a fair test to find out 'Which liquid travels the fastest?' They were encouraged to use scientific vocabulary when writing up their conclusions. This was a messy lesson involving syrup, ketchup and barbeque sauce!

### Topic

We used Mod rock to make Greek tragedy and comedy masks - a very messy morning indeed! We will spray-paint them gold, silver or bronze after half term.



### Art

We have been learning about Georges Seurat and Pointillism this week. The children tried to use his style of art, which means using only dots instead of strokes and not mixing any colours. We will continue to study this artist in Term 2.

### PE

We have continued to focus on how exercising helps the body. The children have been doing different exercises in a Boot Camp style, focussing on a particular skill for 1 minute at a time. We have had many red faces!

### RE

In preparation for our trip on November 14<sup>th</sup>, we have started to learn about Hinduism this week. The children wrote down several things they would like to find out more about. We discussed how learning about different religions link to our British Values; specifically the value of Tolerance. We found out why water and rivers are important aspects of Hinduism and watched a video of Hindus bathing in the river Ganges.



The children will bring home their PE kits this week. Could you please ensure, over the half term, that they have the appropriate kit and right sized trainers/plimsolls? The first PE lesson will take place on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October so the children need their PE kit on the first day back.