

Year 3 Newsletter

Week beginning: Monday 5th October, 2020

English

Year 3 started off the week by looking at speech marks as they will be a feature we will be using throughout our new English topic, Fairy tales. We created sentences for characters from our favourite books and TV programmes to practise using speech marks. We had to remember to use speech marks for dialogue, to punctuate inside of speech and to start a new line for a new speaker. Here's an example:

"Can I have a Scooby snack?" asked Scooby Doo.

"Yes, you may," replied Fred.

Later in the week, we moved on to reading Little Red Riding Hood. This classic tale will form the basis of our work for the next few weeks. Eventually, we will write our own fairy tale, based on Little Red Riding Hood. We studied the story and looked at the features that are found in most fairy tales. Year 3 created wanted posters for the Big, Bad Wolf on Tuesday, interviewed characters from the story on Wednesday and sequenced the story on Thursday.



Maths

In maths, we worked on addition this week. We started by adding numbers using resources like base-10 and place value counters. After securing this practical way of adding, we moved onto to using a formal method. We added two-digit numbers to other two or three-digit numbers using the column method. For some of these, we needed to exchange (see example).

Addition: Column Method

1	$\begin{array}{r} 453 \\ +348 \\ \hline \end{array}$	2	$\begin{array}{r} 453 \\ +348 \\ \hline 1 \end{array}$	3	$\begin{array}{r} 453 \\ +348 \\ \hline 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$
	Place the numbers one on top of the other, lining up the hundreds, tens and ones.		Add the ones and write the answer.		Carry any tens to the tens column.
4	$\begin{array}{r} 453 \\ +348 \\ \hline 01 \\ \hline \end{array}$	5	$\begin{array}{r} 453 \\ +348 \\ \hline 801 \\ \hline \end{array}$	6	$\begin{array}{r} 453 \\ +348 \\ \hline 801 \\ \hline 11 \end{array}$
	Add the tens including any tens you have carried. Carry any hundreds to the hundreds column.		Add the hundreds including any hundreds you have carried.		Check your answer.

History

On Monday, Year 3 went on a hunter-gatherer mission to discover what people used to eat during the Stone Age. We discovered that life in the Palaeolithic era could be tough. There was a constant search for food which meant moving around, hunting and gathering. Over time, farming techniques developed which meant people could live in one place. The children found nuts, berries and plants that were hidden around the school and sorted these natural food items onto a wheel, according to which season they were eaten in. For example, blackberries were harvested in autumn and the best time for dandelions is spring.



Computing

Over the last few weeks the children have been able to use our brand-new laptops to work on Coding! They have been really responsible using them in the ICT suite. So far, we have used algorithms to control characters and vehicles by instructing them to move, make sound and follow commands.



Have a great weekend! Miss Courtney and Mrs Patterson 😊