

Mr Wormleighton's Newsletter

Friday 5th October 2018



Dear Parents,

I hope you have had a good week. We've been busy here in Year 3 with lots of new learning taking place.

In maths, we have been learning to use a formal written method to help us with our addition. It is known as the expanded method for column addition and it really helps the children understand the addition through their knowledge of place value. After Monday's lesson where the children got to grips with this, all the children were able to apply this method by the end of the week. As a special treat, I have set a few extra questions for their homework so they can show you what they have learnt.

We have had a lovely time this week in our English lessons studying 'shape poems'. The children first analysed an existing shape poem to understand the features they would need to use in their own version. They innovated a poem based on volcanoes, before practising using similes, adjectives and alliteration. The children planned their own shape poems, based on their favourite fruit, and then Mrs Gilmour joined us for when the children did a draft of their own shape poem. We finished the week off by turning the poem drafts into the actual shape of the fruit. They look really good and when I get chance I will put some on the website for you to see.

We have continued with our work on skeletons and bones this week, thinking about why skeletons are vital (remember Professor Lockhart in Harry Potter and The Chamber of Secrets de-boning Harry's arm?!) as

well as naming some of the main bones in the skeleton. We are next going to compare the human skeleton with that of other animals.

In PE this week the children continued practising their use of the chest pass and bounce pass. This week the children practised passing it quickly from one player to another in small groups before using movement to ensure they were in the best position to receive the ball.

The children have done some nice art work this week, focusing on the fine details of pineapples and strawberries. They used pencil crayons to create a depth of colour and were able to appreciate the intricate colours and patterns of the different fruits.

In ICT, the children did some programming using 'scratch' with Mrs Shields which they enjoyed.

All in all, another good week in Year 3!

Hope you have a good weekend with your families and I look forward to seeing you on Sunday at St Thomas' Church for the Harvest Mass, 10am. Thank you for your kind donations of food; your gifts really make a difference.

All the best,

Mr J Wormleighton