

## Mr Wormleighton's Newsletter

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018



Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a great weekend with your families. Mrs Dugdale and I enjoyed meeting with you last week to share with you how your children are getting on in class. Your encouragement and support at home is vital to your children's learning, so thank you for all that you do.

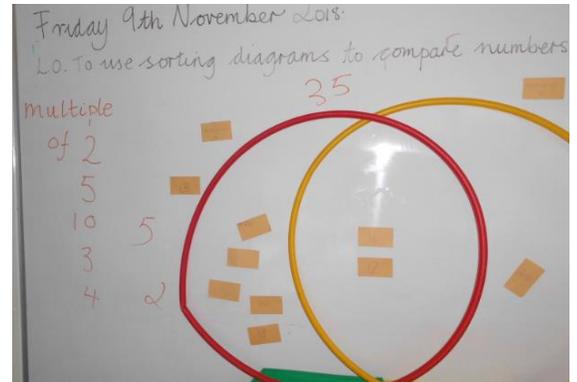
Last week was a busy one, with lots of learning opportunities taking place. In English, the children continued their immersion in the genre of folk tales as well as gathering and refreshing the skills they will need to be able to write their own. Last week the children firstly learnt how prepositions tell us the position of items and characters in their stories and we described a scene using these. I shared with the children the ['Preposition Song'](#) by The Bazillions, which I admittedly happily listen to when *not* learning about prepositions - have a listen on YouTube using the link above. Later on we read the explanation folk tale about the greedy spider 'Anansi' and why he has eight 'skinny' legs. Ask your children to let you know why! As with explanation folk tales, they give a reason for normally an occurrence in nature; others include 'Why the Rhino Has Grey Skin'. After we read the folk tale, the children sequenced the main events, before retelling it in their own words. They also created questions for Anansi to deepen their thinking, such as 'Why do you want to eat other animals'





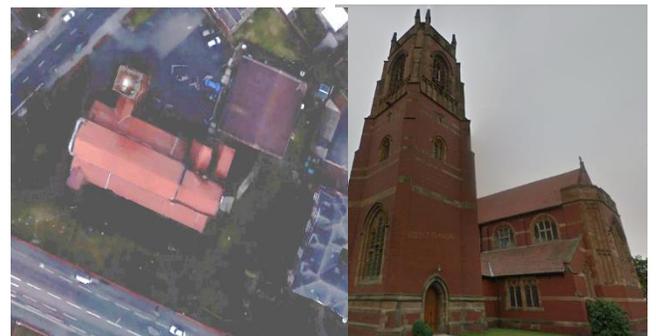
food when your wife is a good cook?'. We completed the week by refreshing our speech writing skills, turning a Disney comic strip of Snow White into a piece of narrative with inverted commas for speech.

We had a good week in maths, with the children first solving some word problems based upon the 3 and 4 times table. Then the children learnt how to solve larger multiplication problems, such as  $19 \times 4$  by using arrays, which we then linked to using the grid method. Finally, the children used Venn Diagrams to find common multiples of 2, 3, 4, 5, and 10.



The children began an exciting new PE unit on Basketball, with the children learning lots of new skills including bouncing, catching and dribbling. They were really enthusiastic and will continue with this unit this half term.

Geography is a key focus of our current topic of 'There's No Place Like Home' and last week the children identified some physical and human features of our local area as well as compared aerial views to photographs.



The children appear dead keen on this current topic and this week we



have taken the learning further to analyse our local area on an Ordnance Survey map, learning some basic symbols whilst doing so. Today the children compared three maps of Lytham St Anne's, from 1890, 1950 and 2018 and noticed some remarkable changes, for instance that Fairhaven Lake hadn't been built in 1890, Lytham St Anne's once had a lighthouse as well as the obvious expansion of the area. St Anne's in particular was a fraction of the size it is now.

In art, we had a lesson based on looking at the work of Andy Warhol. We learnt a little about his life and his style before using tracing paper to recreate four well-known cartoon characters, before experimenting with different colour.

Throughout the week we were thinking about the meaning of Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Although the scale of war and its significance can be hard for children to comprehend, we had some good discussions in class and talked about the meaning of the Poppy Appeal. I thought it would be a nice homework this week for the children to find out about their ancestors and relatives who have fought in conflicts since World War I.



This will be my final newsletter.

All the best,

Mr Wormleighton