



Class Three Newsletter – 2.2.18

This Week...

We have started a new unit in our English, looking at Non-Chronological Reports. To tie in with our Geography topic on the Amazon, the children are researching Brazil. They have looked at the features of Non-Chronological Reports; in our Guided Reading sessions we explored National Geographic for Kids magazines and identified the features such as captions, questions and labelled diagrams. The children really enjoyed this and many of the more reluctant readers engaged with the magazines very well. It has been Assessment Week in Maths so the children have been completing a series of papers on arithmetic and reasoning. I will be setting new targets for the children following these assessments. In our Science work, we looked at pollination and the plant life cycle. We used Wotsits to demonstrate how pollen is spread from flower to flower and learnt how new seeds were made. In our RE, we looked at Rosa Parks and how she challenged American authority to gain equal rights for all.

Homework

I have been absolutely blown away by the standard and variety of homework sent in by most children during our topic on the Amazon. Many adults around school have commented on it and our classroom looks lovely, adorned in puppets, flags, dioramas and posters. Please feel free to come and see it at Open Door on Monday 3.20-3.40pm. Thank you all for your hard work and for helping to enhance your children's knowledge of this fascinating place.

Complete another task this week and practice your 8x table.

After half term, your child will be going swimming every Friday afternoon as part of their PE curriculum. The lessons will take place at Fulwood Leisure Centre and be led by qualified swimming coaches. We will be travelling by bus to and from the leisure centre, and three members of staff will accompany the children. The lessons will finish at the end of the Summer term. Your child must come to school each Friday with their swimming costume/trunks (no loose short type trunks please), a named swimming cap and a towel. Your child will NOT be allowed to wear goggles unless the form (sent home with this letter) is completed, signed and sent back to school before the 23rd February 2018. Please feel free to see me if you have any queries regarding swimming.

Special News!

Christian Value Certificate – Creativity

George Keating for fantastic, creative homework

Curriculum Certificate –

Noemi Stefanska for being a quiet 'all-rounder'

Writer of The Week

Freyja Tucker for really increasing her stamina.

Next Week

The children will be putting together their Non-Chronological Reports on Brazil. They will decide on the layout, content and design of their report. The children will also be assessed to see progress made in grammar, reading and writing. In our Maths, the children will be focusing on the 8x tables and be looking at formal methods of calculation as well as practising word problems. Our Science work will look at mammal life cycles and the work of animal behaviourist Jane Goodall.