



News and Homework for week beginning 12th March

This week in Maths... We began our new topics looking at time, ratio and proportion. In time, we have used individual clocks to explore telling the time in 5-minute intervals and in minutes to and past the hour, whilst for ratio we used bar modelling to explore unequal grouping and sharing in the context of word problems before moving on to look at drawing patterns to a given ratio.

In English... We started the week by editing, improving and publishing our biography hot writes. Our final versions are amazing! Then, we completed a cold task to write a set of instructions titled 'How to look after a pet....'. The children really enjoyed sharing their own pet experiences as part of this. We discovered that, collectively as a class, we own a vast array of creatures!



In other news... To celebrate 'Science Week' this week, lots of our afternoon lessons have had a scientific focus. We have conducted experiments to test the strength of different types of magnets by seeing how long a chain of paperclips could be attracted to each. Next, we created our own race tracks using cardboard and masking tape; by building a magnetic car, we could steer these through the cardboard from underneath. Owls enjoyed racing each other! Finally, we held a QR code trail to find out more about famous scientists and competed in a quiz in house groups against each other.



George, for a brilliant biography using many of the key features and his best handwriting. Well done George!

Homework:

Please see below for homework this week. Remember to still log on and complete tasks on Mathletics, Spellodrome and Reading Eggs. Children should be reading regularly at home and have now been issued with a school reading book and reading log. Can you please complete their reading log to indicate when they have read at home. Older children (yr5 and 6) may read to themselves, then have a discussion with parents afterwards. Younger children (yr3 and 4) should read to an adult.

Spellings: Please see separate sheet for list of words to be learnt this term. Spellings to be learnt this week are **highlighted in blue**. There will be a review in class each Friday.

Maths: 'Bonds' and 'Badges' (times tables). The aim is to be able to complete all of the questions on the sheet correctly within 4 minutes. Please practice at home ready for time-trials at school on Mondays and Thursdays. We will be looking for improvement in either number of correct responses or time each week.

Homework is to be handed in on Wednesday 21st March.

Please complete pages in CGP books as indicated below and mark at home with your child.

| Homework | |
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| All | <p>Can you research the life and work of the famous scientist, Professor Stephen Hawking and use this information to write a biography?</p> <p style="color: green;">Challenge – Can you write your biography in the style of our class book 'Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls'?</p> |

| Pupil Feedback | Parent Feedback | Teacher Feedback |
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| | <p>How much support did your child need? None <input type="checkbox"/> A little <input type="checkbox"/> Lots <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Comment:</p> | |