



News and Homework for week beginning 22nd January

This week in Maths... After practising our arithmetic skills, we continued to look at fractions. In our groups, we learned how to add and subtract fractions with the same denominators, with different denominators and convert between improper fractions and mixed numbers. We looked at a range of fluency questions before applying to solve reasoning and problem solving questions.

In English... This week, we have been exploring the key features of an effective character description. First, we read some real-life examples from a range of books and highlighted important techniques. Next, we brainstormed ideas about a character image and used these to write our own similes and metaphors. Some of us also looked at pathetic fallacy, writing sentences which reflected the character's mood. Finally, we planned our own character descriptions by boxing-up.



In other news... In art we made clay sculptures inspired by our learning last term on the ancient Maya civilisation. We looked at Mayan statues, buildings and artwork to guide our designs and evaluated our finished product thinking about what we did well and what we would like to improve next time. In science we learned about micro-organisms and how some kinds can be helpful and others harmful. Next, we planned a science experiment to investigate the conditions which can cause mould to grow on bread.



Maddy, for excellent examples of sentences using personification and pathetic fallacy. Well done Maddy!

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 pink**. 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 31st January.

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

	Homework
Year 3	Maths: Adding and Subtracting Fractions Pages 32 and 33 Comprehension: The Demon Headmaster Pages 14 and 15
Year 4	Maths: Adding and Subtracting Fractions Pages 30 and 31 Comprehension: BBC Women's Footballer of the Year Pages 14 and 15
Year 5	Maths: Adding and Subtracting Fractions Pages 30 and 31 Comprehension: Pompeii Pages 14 and 15
Year 6	Maths: Adding and Subtracting Fractions Pages 20 and 21 Comprehension: Poems about Seasons Pages 14 and 15

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

