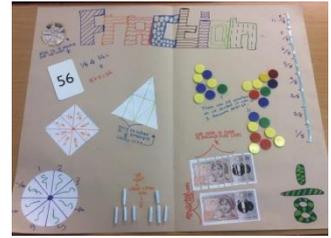




News and Homework for week beginning 8th January

This week in Maths... We started the year with a unit on measurement. First we looked at the units of measurement and which were the most appropriate units for measuring certain items. We practiced our skills using a ruler to measure and draw lines to given degrees of accuracy, and then calculated perimeter and area – some of us focused on rectangles and triangles whilst others investigated missing side lengths for composite rectilinear shapes. Finally, we demonstrated our current understanding of fractions with ‘fraction envelopes’. Inside were a selection of items for which we needed to illustrate a $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{8}$.

In English... This week, we were introduced to our new class book – ‘The Boy Who Biked the World’ by Alastair Humphreys. Using our comprehension skills, we investigated who a backpack of items may belong to before making predictions about the book itself. We thought about where in the world we would most like to visit, how we would get there and what activities we would do. Next, we focused on use of direct speech punctuation and wrote our own conversation between the main character, Tom, and his friends after he reveals he is going to cycle around the world!



In other news... On Monday we began our new topic – ‘A Brief History of Me’ – by looking at maps of the local area. We used our compass skills (4-point, 8-point, and 16-point) to locate places. In science, we continued our topic on living things and their habitats by learning about the Linnaean classification system. On Thursday, half of the class attended the Young Voices concert – it was amazing! The children sang brilliantly, danced wonderfully and had lots of fun (even if it was a late night!). In art, we learned about the work of Henri Matisse and developed ideas for our own compositions in his style of ‘painting with scissors’.



Sam, for excellent team work and knowledge of the four cardinal compass points in geography. Well done Sam!

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 yellow**. 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 17th January.

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

	Homework
Year 3	Comprehension: Daddy Fell into the Pond Pages 12 and 13 Maths: Perimeter Page 40
Year 4	Comprehension: Hamish and the Worldstoppers Pages 12 and 13 Maths: Perimeter Page 44 and Area Page 46
Year 5	Comprehension: The Iron Man Pages 12 and 13 Maths: Perimeter Page 48 and Area Page 50
Year 6	Comprehension: Olympic Torch Relay, Day 52 Pages 12 and 13 Maths: Perimeters and Areas Page 52

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:	