

Friday 17th May, 2024.



# Rufford Class

## What have we been learning about this week?

This week, we have moved on to learning about instructional writing in English and it has been great to focus on a non-fiction piece following our work on narratives. We discussed the features of instructions and then wrote our own!

In Maths, we have been practicing our arithmetic and fluency. We also looked at some tricky reasoning questions and thought about how we would answer these. We have also been comparing the minutes in an hour and the hours in a day, using this knowledge to share other things we then know.

In Science, we have been keeping a close eye on the plants that we are growing - some are doing really well! We have learnt more about the process of germination and the life cycle of a flowering plant.

In PSHE, we have been thinking about good habits to maintain and prioritise our mental health. We discussed different methods we could use and then looked at different scenarios, suggesting ways in which we could help others.

We have been working hard on our spelling this week, studying spelling rules when adding suffixes and plurals. Please remember to continue to practise the weekly spellings at home.

In History, we have been learning more about Walter Tull's experiences in the army and have used different sources to help us. We learnt that he became an officer, but also that he had to come back home for a few weeks to recover from shellshock.

## Spellings

hiking	writing
shining	smiling
coming	hoping

## Homework Task

This week, homework is an arithmetic sheet and some reasoning questions.

Homework can be handed in at school or can be emailed to [rufford@st-lukes.notts.sch.uk](mailto:rufford@st-lukes.notts.sch.uk)

Next week, we will be taking part in some Maths assessments. These are nothing to worry about and the children will not be put under any pressure. They will be working in groups of around 10 children and those not completing the tests will be doing other learning as planned. There will be one arithmetic test and two reasoning tests, with the results of these only acting as an aid to teacher assessment. Please do not feel any stress or worry about these tests. If you have any concerns or questions, please let me know.

## Reading Books

Reading books continue to be changed each Monday. Please remember to bring in books and diaries so that three reads can be logged on our bookmarks and books can be changed. Thank you.

We are currently in the process of assessing children to see if they are ready to move to the next book band. Therefore, it is really important that they bring their books in so that they can be moved up if appropriate. Well done to all of the children who have moved up so far!

**The spelling test is on Wednesday 22nd May. Remember to practise!**