

Friday 26th January, 2024.



# Rufford Class

## **What have we been learning about this week?**

This week, we have been learning all about newspaper reports and looking at examples, discussing the features that we find in them. Can you remember any of the 5Ws? Next week, we will be working in groups to plan and write our own reports, applying all of our knowledge.

In Reading, we have started working on a new text - 'I Wish I'd Been Born a Unicorn' which we have really enjoyed reading as it has a lovely rhyming pattern and some interesting vocabulary. We begun to use dictionaries, learning how to find words in them and understand more about their meanings.

We continue to learn more about how schools have changed over time in History, thinking about similarities and differences between then and now.

In PE, we have been focusing on jumps and balances this week, using the mats to soften our landings!

In Maths, we have moved on to multiplication this week and have been learning about equal groups, the multiplication sign and different multiplication sentences. We are becoming much more confident identifying multiplication sentences.

In Music, we continue to listen to 'Spooky World' and have been identifying different sounds using instruments and have been writing our own rhyming couplets.

## **Spellings**

better	different
miss	still
suddenly	eggs

## **Homework Task**

For homework this week, I would like you to think about the story we are focusing on in English - Happy in our Skin. This book encourages us to celebrate who we are and how we are special.

Draw a picture of yourself in the middle of a page and write some words or sentences around it explaining why you are so amazing. What qualities do you have? What do you love about yourself? Why do others love you? I can't wait to celebrate your uniqueness with you!

## **Reading Books**

Please continue to bring reading books back in to school on a Monday so that they can be changed if three reads have been documented and the book has been finished.

We are in the process of listening to children read in order to ensure they are on the correct book band so you may notice that the colour band changes. These reading assessments involve reading fluency and also comprehension questions at the end of the text. Remember that comprehension and understanding is a big part of reading now that children are beginning to master fluency.

**The spelling test is on Wednesday 31st January. Remember to practise!**