

Friday 8th December, 2023.



Rufford Class

What have we been learning about this week?

We have been researching this week in English and have been learning how to retrieve key information from books. We are working in groups to find factual information about different sea creatures in order to write our non-chronological reports.

We have finished our learning of Shape in Maths and have had a go at our first arithmetic test! A good understanding of place value is key, so please remember to work on this.

In Geography, we have been studying the human and physical features of each of the continents. We worked together to categorise key landmarks from each continent into human and physical features.

In Science, we learnt about animal offspring and discussed which animals look like their adult and which don't. We also recapped on our learning from last year on animal groups, such as reptiles, mammals and amphibians.

We have been working hard on our artwork this week, creating our own seascapes using powder paints. These paintings are going to be used for our annual calendars as well - they look amazing!

In PSHE, we discussed who we speak to when we need help and the importance of speaking out. We learnt more about asking for help and our feelings, specifically focusing on feelings of anxiety or sadness.

Finally, we have been working hard on our Christmas performance. Remember - no scripts allowed next week!

Spellings

fly	play
away	only
baby	really

Homework Task

As next week is script-free when rehearsing our performance, it would be great to spend some time this weekend practising your lines. You also need to know when to come on the stage and when to say your lines!

Additionally to this, please complete the Maths test which is on the class page of the website.

You can either print it off or answer the questions on a separate piece of paper.

Arithmetic is an area we need to work hard on, so please use the strategies we have discussed in class. Try hard to complete the questions without any aids, such as number squares, as these are not available all the time! You will grow in confidence if you can complete these questions in your head.

If you have any questions or queries, please let me know.

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. Thank you.

Please remember that three separate reads have to be documented each week before a stamp can be given on the bookmarks.

The spelling test is on Wednesday 13th December. Apologies that some spelling tests have been moved to different days - it's a busy time of year!