

Dear Parents,

On Friday afternoon, the children talked to the rest of the school about how we could be a voice for nature and help to preserve our planet. They sang 'What a Wonderful World' and added some sign language to this. It was lovely to watch.

Finally, the children have come to the end of their block of learning about decimal numbers and they enjoyed ordering and comparing them this week. They are able to identify what a half, quarter and three quarters are as decimal. Next week, the children will look at their written methods, whilst solving some one, two and three step word problems.

Thank you to the children who completed their home learning, which was to research an animal of their choice. They wrote great fact files that taught the adults in the classroom things they never knew about a variety of animals. At the end of the week, the children were learning to write a glossary to describe some challenging vocabulary using definitions from the dictionary.

In History this week, the children were learning about some famous buildings in Rome and about the Italian culture. They learnt all about Vatican City and its importance for the Catholic church, whilst also learning about the famous paintings in its Sistine Chapel. The children were very interested in the gelato and on the postcards that they wrote home (as if they were visiting Rome) along with some of the interesting buildings they visited, there was a lot of information about the wonderful pizza, pasta and gelatos.

Just a reminder that some of the children are not writing in their reading record books to confirm to us that they are reading at home. It's such an important thing for them to be continuing outside of school as well as in lessons and we really appreciate all of the support possible in encouraging them to read. We had a chat this week about how the children are free to change books that they aren't enjoying and if a comic, or a non-fiction book interests them more, reading those are just as beneficial.

Thanks,

**Mrs Ward and Mrs Phillips**

## **Spellings:**

League, tongue, antique, unique, mosque, fatigue, cheque, rogue, vague, intrigue, dialogue, analogue, argue, plague, epilogue, plaque torque barbeque

## **7 Spellings:**

Racing, jumping, popping, leaping, dancing, stepping, running.