

Year 4 Newsletter 20th October 2023

Dear Parents,

Term 1 has flown past and the children are most definitely in need of a rest. I am happy to say that the team building day was great fun and I noticed some really mature attitudes, along with fantastic participation in the different activities. This may be something we return to each term, as I think the class as a whole benefitted from this.

In maths this week, the children were estimating the answers to addition and subtraction calculations. They understood that an estimate needs to be a sensible guess and we did a lot of activities surrounding this. At the end of the week, the children were estimating the answers to a variety of calculations and placing the questions on a number line to show their estimation rather than the actual answer.

This week in English, the children learnt about possessive apostrophes and where to use them correctly in their writing. At the moment, there are apostrophes being used for most words ending in an s, so we also looked at the plural for some words as well. We will continue to complete a variety of stand-alone SPaG sessions to focus on the children's targets for year 4.

The children really enjoyed learning about Julius Caesar and Emperor Nero this week in History. It's great to watch some of the 'Horrible Histories' clips with them, as aside from being quite factual, they are also lots of fun. The children found it funny to learn that Caligula sent his troops to fight the English Channel and bring back shells. They were shocked to hear how Nero persecuted the Christians, but found it funny to think that he always had to win any chariot race that he entered...usually by cheating.

After the holidays, the children will be continuing to complete their scratch art Roman vases that they started this week. The preparation for this activity encouraged the children to develop their cutting skills and to ensure that they began to think about the pattern they would be scratching onto their vase.

As we only have a week away from school, I don't want to set homework and stress out any parents who have a holiday planned in that time, however if you would like your children to do some homework, then please could they keep a diary of their week. The focus should be on keeping the hand-writing neat and cursive, whilst ensuring that the sentences have some description and punctuation used correctly. There are some great websites for maths and a game the children love to play is called 'Hit the Button.' Here is the link: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>.

Thanks,

Mrs Ward and Mrs Phillips

Homophone Spellings for week 1: (20)

There, their, they're, wear, ware, where, off, of, sun, son, one, won, too, to, weight, wait, sight, site, knight, night.

