



Glasshouses CP School

Class Weekly Newsletter

Friday 1st December 2017

News from the Practising Professors

We have had a great week of learning in Practising Professors this week. In literacy we have been busy using all our grammar skills to start writing our letters of application. The children have been using their most formal language and they have impressed me with their determination to edit and improve their work.

In maths the children have really enjoyed working with factors and multiples. They have been really interested in finding rules and patterns and have done lots of problem solving around this. They have really enjoyed quizzing each other which you can see in the pictures.

Forest school was great this week—the children and adults survived the freezing cold weather and made some fantastic art work which is displayed in the class room.

We have also been working on the work we will be sending to the school in Bradford. The children have sent across some questions which the children at All Saints' will answer and we have been answering the questions which they have sent to us.



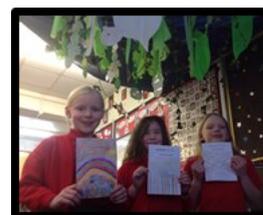
News from Working Wolves

The Working Wolves were all very excited to see the first real snowfall of the year yesterday! It suddenly felt very Christmassy as they skipped out of school singing Jingle Bells! They have been rehearsing the songs for our school Nativity and excitement is building around next week's Christmas fair!

We are continuing to explore the rainforest, learning about the animals and plants and have nearly completed our rainforest information texts. The children have been bringing together all the skills that they have learned in their narrative writing in literacy to write their Big Write rainforest stories. They have also been producing some more fabulous rainforest poetry. Our class 'wow word' at the moment seems to be 'excruciatingly' thanks to Georgia's planning for her black tree kangaroo poem!

We have been consolidating our learning within numeracy in our 'multiplication and division topic' ready for our assessment week next week. We have seen a real boost in the children's ability to problem-solve and to explain their reasoning.

We have noticed the effort that the children have been putting in to their spelling and times table work and would like to thank you at home for your support with this. Practise really is the key in these areas! This week we have been looking at the prefix un- and using 'un' words in sentences to check we all understand their meanings.



News from Talented Trolls

The children have been continuing with Literacy activities based on the story "Lost and Found" by Oliver Jeffers. We have also watched the film of the story and compared the book to the film.

In Numeracy we have been working on addition and subtraction, using mental methods, counting objects, number lines and 100 squares.

In reception we have been using the drum for our counting. We had to beat out a number on our drum while our partners closed their eyes and listened carefully. They then told each how many beats they had done. We also used marshmallows to create different shapes. We went on lots of shape treasure hunts and were shape detectives.

We have also been busy practising our nativity play, which is coming along really well!

Our classroom is also starting to look 'Christmassy' thanks to the decorations the children are making.

