



Glasshouses CP School

Class Weekly Newsletter

Friday 3rd November 2017

News from the Practising Professors

Hope you all enjoyed a restful half term break. We have had such a busy first week back this week!

On Monday we had a taster of Forest school. The children really enjoyed mastering tying knots and used their new skills to try and hang a tarpaulin. They all really enjoyed it and can't wait for their next session.

On Tuesday we had a great celebration for Halloween. The children made a really good effort with their costumes and some of them were terrifying! The children have been writing news paper reports using 'Room on a Broom' for inspiration and we also had a Halloween maths challenge throughout the day.

We have also been busy making 115 clay poppies which we will decorate across school next week. The children were great at making them and didn't give up until there was enough!



News from Working Wolves

We hope you all had a lovely half term. It has been a hard-working and action-packed first week back at school. Thank you so much to the PTFA for organising the fabulous Halloween Disco. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to spend time together and just enjoy the special occasion.

We have begun our Rainforests topic this half term and have been learning about the locations of the rainforests around the world, as well as looking in more detail at the four layers of the rainforest and the different plant life and animals which reside there. We began our new topic in RE this week called 'Does a Beautiful World Mean That There Is a Wonderful God?' We read the creation story from the Bible and this lead to lots of interesting discussion about the children's own beliefs. The children were all excited to talk about this topic and had lots of questions and ideas.



In literacy, we have begun looking at rainforest poetry and we have read and discussed a selection of poems, with the children writing about their favourites. They have also all written a poem to start the unit and we will write a final poem when we finish so that we can see the progress that they have made and all the new features of poetry that they will learn about.



In maths we will be looking at multiplication over the next few weeks, looking at different formal written methods and also using pictorial representations and apparatus to solve problems and develop our reasoning skills in the areas of multiplication and division.

News from Talented Trolls

What a week it's been....! The children have enjoyed a spooky start to this half term. We really dragged out the Halloween celebrations all week. Our biggest achievement has been writing this week. We have planned our own version of 'Room on the Broom' using a storyboard to help us sequence our story. We have thought of characters (some rather scary!) who would join us on our broom. The children have been thinking about how to make their writing that next step up and it's been really lovely to see them pushing themselves to use those tricky SPAG techniques. Some of the Year 1's and Reception children were inspired by all the broom talk and enjoyed creating their own story through role-play.

In numeracy the Reception children have been continuing to learn their numbers and are becoming increasingly confident with number recognition. We have been really focusing on our fine motor skills, looking at how we hold a pencil and trying to form the letters we are learning, The Year 1's and Year 2's have been writing their numbers in words and digits. It's been very tricky but it's great to see lots of cross-curricular links where they're using their phonics to help with their numeracy.

Finally, I hope you have a lovely bonfire weekend—remember to keep safe!

