



# Glasshouses CP School

## Class Weekly Newsletter

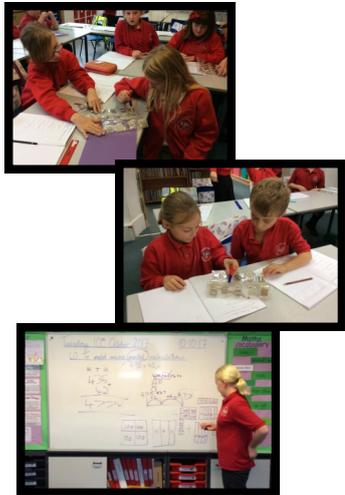
Friday 13th October 2017

### News from the Practising Professors

We have had a great week this week in class 3. We have read more of our class book which we are hoping to finish before half term. The children are finding out more about the strange character and are always excited to read the next chapter.

In maths this week we have moved on to addition. The children have got their heads around the true meaning of the equals sign and done some problem solving around this. In literacy we have had a grammar week. The children have impressed me every day with their ability to retain some tricky grammar terminology.

In science this week we looked at magnets. The children found this really interesting and did some experiments with north and south poles. In art we looked at how to draw in perspective. We used photography skills to take photos around skills which will be transformed into David Hockney work next week.



### News from Working Wolves

After much soul-searching and deliberation, we have decided to re-name ourselves and are now called 'Working Wolves'. We decided that this class name better represents us. We are strong, determined and eager to learn!

We have been focusing on 'Charlie Challenge' this week and the children have really been impressing us with their abilities to reason more deeply in numeracy and to achieve their best work in literacy. They are beginning to be more confident at reading back their own work to edit it. We have had a real focus on 'independent learning' and have introduced the 'Brain, Buddy, Boss' system, which I'm sure the children can explain to you!

We have been using our scientific minds in Topic and have applied our learning from our research into the planets in the solar system to imagine the physical attributes that an extra-terrestrial would need to survive on a particular planet. We have been drawing and describing our alien creations!



We have been using our Angle Checker Monsters to find right-angles, acute angles and obtuse angles.

### News from Talented Trolls

We have had a super busy week this week! The children are working hard to learn their phonics sounds and SPAG spelling rules. It's very exciting to see the Reception children write their first letter sounds :) The year 1's have been whizzing through Phase 3 and 5 and we're beginning to see some very accurate sounding out. The Year 2's have been concentrating on exciting punctuation and identifying proper and common nouns. They are all working very hard!

In literacy the Year 2's have been typing up their grown up, advanced version of Harry and his bucketful of dinosaurs. They have taken each sentence and made it much more exciting to read. The children are becoming increasingly more confident to find the letters on the keyboard and are very excited to change the colour and font.

In numeracy, the Reception children are working on number recognition. They have enjoyed working with the numicom this week (although they prefer to call it unicorns!) and have even had a go at some addition and subtraction sums. The Year 1 and Year 2 children have been working missing numbers in a sequence. We've been thinking about which number comes next when counting forwards and backwards and have even had a go at some very tricky ones where we have to work out the rule first (E.g. -3 each time!) This was especially difficult when the first few numbers in the sequence weren't given!

The Reception children and Year 1's have enjoyed painting their family portraits this week and have been looking at their baby photos to describe how we have changed. They have been very observant and have enjoyed using the different art media.

