



Glasshouses CP School

Class Weekly Newsletter

Friday 6th October 2017

News from the Practising Professors

As you can see over much deliberation we have finally decided on a name for our new class. The children had some brilliant suggestions and it took us a long time to decide but everyone is happy with the choice. In science this week we tested our predictions about friction. The children thought carefully about how to make it a fair test and then tested different materials to see which one had the most friction. We had great fun putting together ramps and measuring how far the cars travelled. In art this week the children used their paint mixing skills to make some really vibrant colours. They copied a small part of a David Hockney painting and some of them are just like the real thing.

It was great to see some of the children's homework that they have completed so far. I have seen some really high quality pieces and can't wait to look over it all in half term. Keep up the hard work.



News from Pop Rocks

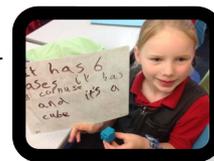
We have a new name...POP ROCKS! The children came up with the name themselves and have designed some excellent posters which we will be decorating our classroom door with.

We have been looking at shape this week in numeracy and have been making sure that we are confident in describing the properties of 3D shapes. We have also been reasoning about shapes, sorting them and thinking about how they are different and similar.

The children have written some fantastic instructions about how to play Countdown. Our SPaG focus has been using time connectives and bossy verbs in our writing and we have been identifying them in our own instructions.

In topic, we have begun researching facts about the planets in our solar system (using fact sheets, non-fiction books and the internet) and we are looking forward to seeing each group present their research.

You will see in your child's red book that they have information about the spelling pattern they are focusing on and will be tested on next week. This is just to give you an idea of how to help them at home. The spellings are very tricky so if you are able to practise daily at home that would be fantastic!



News from Funky Monkeys

Welcoming the new class name this week.... FUNKY MONKEYS! We were very excited this week, gathering in all the suggestions. Thank you for brainstorming lots of ideas at home too—we've had some fab entries. Sonny is extra happy about the class name as it was his idea that was picked out the hat! We will just have to make sure we are well behaved, hard working little monkeys and not the mischievous kind we might see at the zoo!

The children have been working very hard this week. We are enjoying activities in literacy around Harry and his bucketful of dinosaurs still. The Receptions and Year 1's have been thinking about what they would put in their buckets! A lot of Year 1 have really impressed me this week with their handwriting! They are really starting to think about what they put down on paper and are showing ownership of their progress. Year 2's have continued to 'up level' sentences to make their work more interesting. There have been some beautiful descriptions and achy hands because they've written so much!

In numeracy, the Reception children have been ordering numbers 1-10 and thinking about how to represent numbers. We have had birthday cakes made from playdough and the children had to think about how many candles they would need to put on top. We had pretend birthdays for the children and the stuffed animals this week so lots of celebrations! Good job we didn't do the teachers! The Year 1 and 2 children have put their place value and number knowledge to the test with some very tricky problems.

We have also been thinking about our body and how to look after it. The reception children enjoyed singing songs and sticking bones onto paper to make a skeleton whilst the Year 1's thought carefully about bone names. The Year 2's took it a step further and focused on what impact exercise has on us and how to maintain a healthy life style.

