

This Week

It has been a great start to the half term with the launch of our climate change focus (part of our Around the World in Eighty Days topic). The children have been mesmerised by the Climate Change art and poetry we've explored. My highlight was definitely the powerful poems the children wrote inspired by a virtual forest photo we looked at.

The children also loved their Storytelling session with Kathryn from Story Tent on Monday:



Maths and English

This week in maths we have been looking at co-ordinates, plotting the vertices of shapes as they are reflected and translated in the x and y axis. The children have loved this topic. They have also drawn and interpreted line graphs and pie charts – telling the story of the line graph.

This week in English we have started our two week poetry topic which will culminate in a **poetry performance assembly on Friday 3rd March**. The children have loved reading, analysing and writing climate change poems.

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Home Learning

Spring 2 home learning is being sent home today – enjoy!

Maths pre-learning: recap how to find fractions of amounts e.g. $\frac{3}{5}$ of £45 and how to compare fractions by converting so they have the same denominator e.g. $\frac{2}{3}$ and $\frac{7}{9}$ (convert $\frac{2}{3}$ into ninths so multiplying by 3 = $\frac{6}{9}$).

$\frac{2}{3} < \frac{7}{9}$.

English pre-learning – continue to learn a poem or verse from a poem off by heart to perform in assembly next Friday 3rd March.

This week's reading response – find a poem you love and copy out in your neatest handwriting. Then write 5 questions for a partner to answer about your poem (thinking about the type of questions we've been exploring in class e.g. synonyms and antonyms for tricky words, which is the most powerful word/image and why etc).

The spelling task this week is to spot and note down homophones e.g. witch and which

**Enjoy the start of Spring,
Mrs Watson, Miss Curtis and Mrs Storey**

Proud Cloud and Fine diner

Our Proud Cloud this week is **Dylan** for an amazingly creative and thoughtful plan for some climate change art.

Our fine diner this week is **Zak** for always being a kind, friendly and inclusive friend to everyone in the dining hall and in the playground.

Next Week

Next week is the final week of our **Festival of the spoken and written word**. Please ensure your child's 100 reads booklet is completed and sponsorship collected. Please also come along to our poetry assembly on **Friday 3rd March 9am**.

We will be taking a **Spring walk on Tuesday 28th February** to inspire our Spring poetry writing – let's hope the sun is shining and the buds are blossoming!

Don't forget to dress up for **World Book Day Thursday 2nd March**.

Parents evenings Tuesday 28th February and Thursday 2nd March – we look forward to seeing you then (slips were sent home on Wednesday)

SATS are only 7 school weeks away - please continue to support your child in eating and sleeping healthily as well as practising core skills daily e.g. reading discussions & rapid times-tables.