

Maple Weekly Review

Week ending: 8th February 2019

As mentioned last week, we would like to collect shoeboxes for an art project after half term. Ideally, we'd like to collect enough for one between two so if you have any boxes at home, please do send them in or consider us if out shoe shopping over the next month.

Thank you to all who have returned the pickup arrangement forms and for following the procedures about families entering the school building. The children's safety remains our top priority. If you haven't yet returned the handover form, please could you do so as soon as possible? Many thanks.

We are also still collecting 5 pence coins to fill our class bottle so please send them in with your child. Thank you!

English

In English this week, we have focused on our writing and character development. We discussed the definitions of 'sequels' and 'prequels' in preparation for writing our own prequels to the story told in 'Titanium'. We also investigated origins of superheroes and discussed all the different powers and skills they could possess. We have started planning our own narratives, which we will continue with next week and will add similes/metaphors, description and speech – all of which we have worked on throughout the unit.

Maths

In Maths this week, we have been looking at algebra. The children have learnt how to describe growing patterns and linear sequences using algebraic expressions. They have also started to use algebra to describe real-life problems. We have also practiced adding and subtracting fractions and comparing and ordering. The most difficult skills for the children is finding equivalent fractions for these processes.

Art

In Art this week, we discussed artist explorers. On early expeditions, artists would accompany explorers to record details of the new landscape, wildlife and people they encountered on their journeys. They would record their sketches in books as proof of what they had seen. We discussed how some of the discoveries: plants and animals, for example, would be a complete surprise for the artist and the audience in terms of colour and pattern. We then studied lots of patterns and prints linked to nature and designed our own using original colour combinations. They look stunning!

HOMEWORK

DAY	SUBJECT	DUE IN
MONDAY	Science – Researching micro-organisms	Thursday 14.02.19
MONDAY	English – Grammar and Punctuation	Friday 15.02.19
THURSDAY	Maths – Algebra	Wednesday 13.02.19

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AND NOTICES

Friday 15th February – Half Term Begins
Mon 18th Feb – Fri 22nd Feb – Half term
Monday 25th February – First day of term

Mrs Wheatman and Mrs Culley