

Class Cherry Newsletter February 2015

Dear Parents,

I have found this term with Class Cherry most enjoyable, and will look forward to getting to know the children better and better over the coming weeks. We were all delighted to hear about the arrival of a baby son for Mrs Culley in early January, and I hope that I'll be able to persuade her to pop in with him when she gets the chance. It has been a busy half term, and there is also lots to pack in before Easter. I'd like to remind you all that I am always happy to arrange to see any parent or carer about any issues that may concern them, whether of a pastoral or academic nature, as I still remember what it is like to be a parent of young children!

Wishing you a very happy and relaxing half term.

Jane Orosa

ASSEMBLY

"Last week, we performed our class assembly to parents and the whole school. It was about science - forces and gravity. It was really good because you got to learn lots of scientific things, such as a Newton meter and my own telescope! I really enjoyed it - it was great fun." EMILY

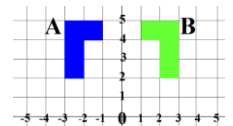
"I really enjoyed playing Aristotle. I had an argument with Galileo (Jenson) about whether mass affects how quickly something falls" BEN.



MATHS

In maths this half term, we have learned about things such as lowest common multiples and highest common factors, comparison and ordering of fractions, and also mental strategies for division and multiplication. We have also been translating polygons that span across two quadrants, and also reflecting shapes along the y axis, as well as identifying their coordinates. We looked at some of the old imperial units of measure and their conversions to metric units, and we are getting better at plotting line graphs to show what these conversions are.

"We really enjoyed maths, especially how you reflect shapes in two quadrants".
EDWARD & JAMES.



PE

"In PE we have done the Haka dance. Haka is what athletes do before a game. It is used to intimidate the other team. After we learnt the basic moves, we made our own. All the groups then put their dances together at the end. It was fun and exciting!"

JENSON & ARCHIE



ENGLISH

In English this half term, we have been studying and writing recounts. We wrote from the point of view of an alien visiting Earth, and also then wrote a variety of newspaper reports, personal letters, official memos and statements to the police about a UFO sighting. In grammar, we have looked a lot at the use of adverbial phrases to help our paragraphs link, and also to make our writing more interesting. We've also done work on how to fix comma splices and how we have to have commas after subordinate clauses. We have now just finished writing mystery stories.

"In English, I enjoyed what we did towards the end of the term: Mystery stories". GEORGE



SCIENCE

In Science this half term, we have been looking at forces, including gravity and balanced and unbalanced forces; friction between surfaces (a force that eventually brings things to a halt); air resistance; and now water resistance. We've used force meters to measure the force acting on objects and also to test the amount of force needed to drag an object across different surfaces.

"I have really enjoyed learning about Isaac Newton and all the interesting things he made when he was a kid and an adult". LOUIS



ENRICHMENT

Our enrichment curriculum is called 'Lost', and it started with a treasure hunt around the school grounds. Having learned how to use a compass, we found objects from all over the world and then looked at where they came from on the map. We then did some research about those places to be able to write a country profile. We've looked at maps of the world and also learned about latitude and longitude and the Greenwich Meridian. In Bourn, we are very close to 0 degrees longitude - so almost due north of Greenwich itself! We found some cities on a map of the UK from their latitude and longitude details, and, having looked at how maps have developed over the centuries, we used Google maps to plan a round trip from Bourn, taking in all these cities by travelling the shortest possible distance in the shortest possible time. The distance was 701 miles and there was only one place in the eastern hemisphere!

"Enrichment has been really fun because I enjoy learning about different places and how long it would take to get there". TED

"I really liked learning about maps and where places are in the world". ANNABELLE



SPANISH

We are learning how to express our likes and dislikes.

"I really enjoyed Spanish because we can now tell everyone what we have for breakfast in Spanish". LILY



Coming up next term:

Friday 27th February: Music Assembly
Parent Consultations - 9th, 11th, 16th and 18th March.

Easter Holidays: Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April.