



# Pedar's Weekly Review



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I cannot believe that this is my last newsletter of the year. Where has the year gone? The time has certainly flown by but what a lot of fun we have had on the way. I have really enjoyed getting to know the children and teaching them this year and watching them grow and mature. We have had lots of fun and laughter in the classroom, presented some exciting class assemblies and enjoyed a fabulous school trip. I will be really sad to say goodbye to them next week but I wish them all the very best for their move up into year 4 and feel that they are well prepared for the next stage in their journey.

## Maths

This week we have been learning all about symmetry. The children used mirrors to find lines of symmetry in regular and irregular shapes and we looked at objects all around us to find those with symmetry. We found out that nature provides us with lots of symmetry in reflections in water, in animals and in flowers and plants. The children drew the reflection of shapes using a line of symmetry and then drew their own shapes and reflected these. We discussed the symmetry in our faces and compared photos of the reflections of one-half of our face with the other. Starting with a photo of their face, the children cut their photo in half vertically and stuck it onto squared paper. They drew a grid over their photo and then used this to help them draw the reflection of one side of their face. They repeated this with the other half of their photo and then compared the two images. They did a great job and the results were truly amazing! Below is just a small taster for you.



## English

We finished our unit on instructions and explanations this week. The children followed a set of instructions and correctly annotated a diagram of a bike, accurately labelled the different parts, wrote descriptions of what each part does and then wrote instructions on how to ride a bike. They did a great job using the imperative tense.

## Art

As a continuation on our Stone Age unit and our work on cave paintings, we developed our art skills this week by doing some work with clay. The children made 10 by 10 cm square clay tiles that we allowed to harden for a couple of days. We examined some cave paintings of bison and looked at the animal's shape in close detail. The children drew their own picture of a bison on a 10 by 10 cm square of paper. They reviewed each other's drawings and then fed back their comments. The children proceeded to draw a second picture improving on their first one in accordance with the feedback they received. We repeated this exercise until each child had drawn five pictures of a bison. They transferred their final image onto their hardened square clay tile and painted it using clay paints. I plan to get these fired during the summer holiday and put them up on display in the school.

I have promised the children a celebration party on the last day of term next Tuesday and said that they can bring in some snacks from home to share in class. Thank you in advance for your support with this. We will play some games and enjoy some fun activities on the last day to see the year out together.