

What have we been up to this week?

Wow, another week done! We would like to say a huge well done to all the children for their glowing reviews in Parents Evening. They have worked so hard and you should be so proud of them. We will be working closely with the children on the different areas they are struggling with as well as having a whole class focus. Following on from feedback, we will be sending home a weekly book which will contain the timestable that your child need to practice as well as spellings.

English

The children have been enjoying working with Mrs Cains on adverts. They have been identifying features of different adverts and rating how persuasive they think they are. They have looked to see whether they can identify alliteration, repetition, slogans, tempting descriptions, questions, pictures and eye-catching titles. With Miss Evans we have been identifying features of formal letters and had their first attempt at writing a letter to Willow the Witch from The Big Bad Wolf.

Maths

In Maths we have been looking at how to find fractions of an amount. We have introduced the children to different methods. This BBC Bitesize page might prove useful if your child is still struggling:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zjtgt+7h#:~:text=Another%20way%20to%20quickly%20work,numerator%20to%20get%20the%20answer.>

We have also looked at finding equivalent fractions. The children worked really hard with this and lots could spot the pattern. Here is another link to look at to help them further:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zb8wqp3>

Topic

We looked at finding out the journey of a banana. We used a range of sources to gather information and plot routes on a world map. The children also got the chance to cook gluten free cheese scones. We have been really impressed with how they have been working in groups. Our Spanish expert Leo shared the book "Hansel and Gretel" with us. The children then had a go at trying to remember the different elements of a traditional tale in Spanish!

Weekend Activity

Watch this YouTube video -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sYOWjDwPE5w>.

Take notes on significant points, such as ordering, weights and timings. Draft instructions that explain how to make the banana-based recipe that they watched being made, using the appropriate features of the genre.

Note: Clarity matters. Check that, when drafting their instructions, children use imperative verbs, clear short sentences and numbered steps or bullet points. Encourage children to say their sentences aloud before writing to make sure they are clear and succinct.

