



## Mulberry class letter

26<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents,

We have had a lovely few weeks, the children have been working hard on the way they present their work in their books.

In Maths, we have looked at negative numbers, rounding large numbers and adding and subtracting mentally. Now we are looking at how to use the formal written method of subtraction and addition for numbers with four or more digits. The children have been building on their previous knowledge and challenging themselves to solve addition and subtraction problems.

Hopefully you will be hearing the children talk about mathematical reasoning as this is how we are ensuring that their understanding of mathematical concepts deepens and broadens.

The English curriculum is very much focused on skills now in order to give children the tools to write in a variety of styles of their choice. We have begun to think about writing a biography about a favourite book character, the children have chosen their book character and we are now looking at the writing skills behind writing a biography including how to use conjunctions appropriately to make our writing more sophisticated.

The class have also been working on their responding to reading skills, and developing their skills of retrieving information from the text, making inferences and evaluating. Again we have talked about



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how we can make our responses more detailed and answer questions about a text in a more mature way.

In Computing we continue to look at e-safety and focusing on how important it is to stay safe online.

For our Science, we are going 'Out of this world' with Space! The class are enjoying finding out about the planets and the difference between gas giant, ice giant and terrestrial giant planets.

We have been sketching the moon in Art and using our colour blending skills. This week the class are drawing a self-portrait based on a photograph of themselves.

The homework grid is up on our website. We do love to see homework tasks and enjoy sharing them with the class.

The children have had a couple of sets of spellings now. Please help them to remember to write a sentence for each word in their spelling book and bring these back in on a Thursday. Every Friday they will be given a new set of spellings to learn and will be tested on the following Thursday.

In addition to their regular spelling pattern activities please keep a focus on learning Times Tables and reading regularly. We will have Times Table grid competitions every week.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Winter and Mrs Donnelly