



Mulberry class letter

1st October 2020

Dear Parents,

We have had a lovely few weeks, the children have really worked hard at settling back into a school routine.

In Maths, we have already looked at place value, negative numbers, and rounding large numbers. Now we are looking at how to use the formal written method of subtraction and addition for numbers with four or more digits. Because of the current situation that we are facing, the maths lessons are a mixture of Year 4 and Year 5 objectives. I am looking at how well the children remember their year 4 learning and then moving them onto the year 5 objectives as soon as they are ready. The children have really impressed me with the way they have been building on their previous knowledge. 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 with a narrative piece of writing using a book called 'The Journey' by Francesca Sanna. This is a story about a family fleeing a war torn country and travelling to a new country. We have been looking at the different themes within that story and the children have been really respectful when considering the family's challenges that they would have faced. The class are really



Mulberry class letter

impressing me with their choice of vocabulary as they explore the themes within the story.

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

For our Science this term, we are looking at electricity. The children have shown me that they can build a working circuit and this week we looked at the symbols to use when drawing a circuit.

We have been drawing portraits in Art. Looking at the features on a face and the proportions of each.

We are not sending home a homework grid this term but we do still expect the children to read regularly and learn their spellings and times tables. A new spelling list is given out each Friday and the children are tested on them the following Friday morning. Along-side that, they all have a log in to 'Spelling Frame' and are encouraged to log in and use the activities to help embed their spellings. There are three spelling groups running, your child will be able to tell you which one they are in. The whole term worth of spellings are on our class page in case they miss the list being given out. The children are also asked to write a sentence for each spelling in their spelling book.

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

Kind Regards,
Mrs Donnelly