

Year 3



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy week in Year 3, enriching the learning through some interesting foundation subjects that your children may be keen to tell you about. In music, we have been exploring the origins and style of Motown, listening and appreciating both the lyrics and the music itself. They have also been examining different types of purses and wallets with a view to designing and constructing their own felt purse - you might even end up being the lucky recipient! Any practice with threading needles would be greatly appreciated (as would tying knots)! Thank you!

English

This week in English, we have continued our work inspired by *The Lost Happy Endings*. Having reached the point in the story where the Happy Endings are stolen and all looks dismal, we have started our guided writing, drawing on Jub's (main character) version of how the story ends. The children are enjoying the book and have worked really hard this week, learning to write a story that has their reader gripped to the very end!

Maths

In maths this week, we have begun our Fractions topic. We have focused on the very basic foundations of fractions by looking at parts and the whole. We have understood that parts make up the whole and then considered the relation of the size of the parts to the whole. For example; if my whole is Europe, the UK is a small part of the whole and if Europe is my whole, Portugal is a smaller part of the whole than Spain. Have a look in your bedroom; if your bedroom is your whole, what is part of it?

Foundation Subjects

In science, we have continued our work on understanding that we need the right type and amount of nutrition by investigating whether the school lunch menu offers a *balanced diet*. We have also used the Chromebooks to research what the different *food groups* provide in terms of *nutrients* and why we need them, including why some foods should only be eaten in small amounts.

Notices & Reminders

Next Friday, 7th May, is 'Dress up for Digits' Day. We are arranging fun activities for the children and invite them to come to school in anything that has numbers on (including football strips!). Money raised will go to support the NSPCC. Look out for further information in the whole school newsletter.

Diamond Work Award

This week, we were particularly impressed with the efforts of:

Sofia and Trey (Beech); **Ami and Olesia** (Elm); **Nihal and Tim** (Rowan)