

Year 3



Dear Parents and Carers,

The time of yet another half-term is slipping away - we cannot believe there's only one week to go! We are very proud of all the children's efforts at blanket-stitch in D&T although we must admit that we miss the days when we were able to ask parents to come in and help with these fun, but often tricky, practical tasks. The felt purses are beginning to take shape - our next challenge is sewing on a button!

English

In English this week, we have been delving into *Please Mrs Butler*, a humorous poetry collection by Allan Ahlberg. The children have thoroughly enjoyed practising and perfecting their performance skills. We have investigated linguistic patterns and have had a go at writing some rhyming couplets in pairs. Having carefully counted syllables yesterday and appreciated how very challenging it must be for a poet to stick to a certain syllabic pattern stanza upon stanza, we rounded off the week by exploring onomatopoeia.

Maths

This week we have begun to look at non-unit fractions where the numerator is greater than 1. We used a physical fraction wall to hold $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{6}{10}$, $\frac{7}{8}$ etc. Once we were secure with this, we moved onto identifying a whole and how it was represented. We understood that the numerator and denominator must be the same to equal one whole. We ended the week by ordering fractions with the same denominator on a number line from 0 to 1 to secure our understanding of what fractions were bigger or smaller.

Foundation Subjects

In History, we have designed the layout of our own Roman villa and investigated how and why Roman towns were built. Lots of writing in Latin took place during this session! In Science, we have reassembled piles of bones into the supportive frame of our skeleton, appreciating that without bones, we would be a heap on the floor! The children enjoyed meeting our school skeleton and labelling lots of bones in our bodies. Some even enjoyed challenging themselves to learning some scientific, Latin names for bones. You may wish to ask them if they can tell their *patella* from their *scapula*..!

Notices & Reminders

On **Wednesday** next week (26th May), we are having a **low-key 'Roman Day'**. We are inviting the children to bring in any Roman show & tell items or to dress up if they wish. We may have the odd Roman nibble but rest assured, we are aware of individual dietary needs. Hopefully the weather will accommodate our march as legionnaires around the playground!

Diamond Work Award

This week we are particularly impressed with the efforts of:

Alex and Dilek (Beech)
Akshaj and Matey (Elm)
Daniel and Ksenia (Rowan)