



P3 Term in a Nutshell

Hello and welcome back to a little slice into the learning, teaching and fun of Primary 3! So much has happened since our last newsletter and we can't wait to share it all with you.

Literacy

This term, we have learned about Literacy Circles. We have explored the 4 roles of Discussion Director, Amazing Artist, Word Detective and Character Analyser and now understand how to be successful in each. Literacy Circles is an opportunity for us to gain a deeper understanding of a story or passage by looking at it from different angles and then talking about it with our findings with our peers.

In writing, we have been writing about the story of Little Red Riding Hood. So far, we have included some wonderful writing techniques such as onomatopoeia, alliteration and repetition for effect. We are very proud of our stories so far and are looking forward to seeing the end result very soon.

Numeracy

We tackled a very tricky unit of Numeracy this term—time. We have learned about both analogue and digital clocks and explored identifying o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. We have learned how to show times hours before and after a certain time and how to work out the duration between two times too. We liked taking an active approach to this topic of Maths because it allowed us to have a hands on learning experience to gain a better understanding of how time works.

We have explored times tables, problem solving and function machines during our daily mental maths inputs and we have enjoyed using this as an opportunity to challenge ourselves within Numeracy. We have looked at the vocabulary of Maths too and this has helped us create and solve word problems.

We are currently learning about Data Handling and learning to identify different types of graphs and charts.

IDL

This term, our topic was The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark by Jill Tomlinson. Not only is this an engaging story that we looked forward to reading, it opened up many different learning opportunities for us. We used our class novel to explore themes within Numeracy, Expressive Arts and Health and Wellbeing. We looked at the main character Plop and we analysed his fear of the dark through the Emotionworks 5-cog model. By identifying the triggers and behaviours that came as a result of Plop's fear of the dark, we felt that we had a better understanding of the character and could therefore answer literal, inferential and evaluative questions both orally and in written form. We prepared and presented solo talks based on an owl of our choosing and we also created beautiful pictures of an owl using pencil, crayons and paint.

Our thoughts...

"Fairtrade Fortnight was fun because we created our own wordsearches for the other classes to complete."

"We got to see owls just like Plop in our class novel."

"The hairdryer STEM ping pong challenge was lots of fun."

"This term I learned more times tables. The 3 times table is now my favourite."

"We copied a video to draw a picture of an owl and they look wonderful."

"I learned about Ash Wednesday and I liked being back at Church."

"I learned that block graphs need a title, axis and a scale."

"Planting with Primary 6 was lots of fun. I didn't know how to plant before this."

"I learned how to read digital time this term."

"The reading books this term were interesting."



Health and Wellbeing

Last month, we started daily teeth brushing in class. This then led us to learn about the different teeth we have and what their jobs are. We now know about incisors, molars, pre-molars, wisdom teeth and canines. We even created our own teeth model to deepen our understanding of where each type of tooth lies in the mouth.

Through BUDS and Safer Internet Day, we learned about the importance of staying safe online. We listened to the story of Digiduck and how to be a kind friend online. We have learned about creating strong passwords and about staying alert when playing games online too. We know that these are valuable skills and are key to keeping out personal information safe.

Fairtrade Committee

As you will already know, we are the Fairtrade Committee this year and we have been working very hard to bring 'awareness to fairness'. Last month was Fairtrade Fortnight and we used this as our opportunity to share our knowledge of Fairtrade with the rest of the school. During our recent committee meetings, we created activity packs for each class and made sure that they were engaging for each year group. Then, we took turns to visit the classes to inform them of our Fairtrade knowledge but it was our final act that really stood out. We organised Fairtrade ice creams for all the children in the school. We worked with the Co-op shops in Houston and Bridge of Weir and they very kindly donated the cones for our Fairtrade ice cream stall. Over the week, we managed to raise a total of £80 for school funds whilst bringing 'awareness to fairness'.



We hope that you have enjoyed hearing about all our learning this term. We would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter and a lovely holiday when it comes.

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