

This week... in English we edited and improved our Journey stories and looked at adverbs. In maths, we learned about scales and measuring weight. We also recapped using $<$, $>$ and $=$ to compare. In science, we learned about how humans grow and change throughout their lives. We also went on a fabulous trip to the RSPB Nature Reserve at Rye Mead. There are lots of photos of what we got up to on the blog.

Reading

We have all been blown away by the progress you have been making with your reading and the love for books you have been developing. Why not challenge yourself to read every day during the holidays!

This week we have been reading:

- How to Train Your Dragon – Cressida Cowell

Times Tables

As with your reading, we have been so impressed with your work on times tables. We can see how much everyone's confidence is growing with this so keep up the practise!

After Easter... We will be learning more about narrative writing in English and finding out about character description. We will also be doing a unit of poetry and letter writing. In maths we will be revisiting calculation methods for the 4 operations, learning more about fractions and revisiting shape, time and money. We will be starting our topic of 'Up, Up and Away' which will be looking at how transport and travel has changed over the years. This will have a specific focus on airplanes, flight and individuals such as the Wright Brothers, Amelia Earhart and the Montgolfier brothers. We will also be starting a new topic of plants in our science lessons with lots of investigations planned. In PE, we will be starting swimming lessons on a Monday afternoon and Mr Owers will be teaching athletics and striking and fielding.

SATs... During May, we will be completing our SATs in reading and maths. As we have said previously, this will be very relaxed and not at all like the assessments completed in Year 6. If you would like to do anything to prepare for them, then I cannot stress more the importance of reading every day and discussing the text. Regular practice of times tables would also be very beneficial. Over the holidays would be a great opportunity to try and learn time telling to the nearest quarter hour or challenge yourself with 5 minute intervals. Perhaps some Easter baking/cooking and measuring the ingredients is great practise and perhaps you can go and spend some pocket money in the shops to practise addition and subtraction.

Please do not feel that you need to do any practise papers or testing at home! The children are being prepared at school and will be very familiar with the formats of these. Should you wish to see examples of what assessments the children will complete, past papers are available online if you search for them

Have a wonderful Easter break and see you in the new term!

Mrs Williams, Mr Cahill and the Year 2 team