

Hello everyone and welcome to our first Ostrich class newsletter. The children have all settled back to school really well and we have had lots of fun already! Just to confirm PE days are Wednesday and Thursday each week. Mr Reeves takes them for PE lessons. French is every Thursday and Madame Anderton has already told me how proud she is of the children's vocabulary recall. Our ICT slot is each Monday afternoon and we have a new set of class laptops to use, which is great! If you have any questions at all please feel free to ask me.

Our Reading homework has changed slightly. More information will be shared at our next Learning Together. Here is a message from Miss Williams who leads Reading across our school:

Following the roll out of the Key Instant Recall Facts mathematics homework, we have redeveloped our reading homework to follow a similar format. At the beginning of each half term, your child will be given a crib sheet to support you when you are listening to them read at home, which will target a different reading or comprehension skill. The reasons for this change are many but primarily it will allow them to complete homework tasks based on books they have chosen themselves. The focus for support at home is improving reading fluency.

In English we have been learning a story called "The Papaya That Spoke" by Pie Corbett. We learnt the structure through a range of storytelling actions. The children really loved this method, please do ask them to re-tell the story at home! The children then innovated this story using their own settings, characters and objects. This week they wrote their stories as a Big Write complete with fairy lights and gentle music. The children love writing and using their imagination.

How you can help at home:

- Please continue to read regularly to practise their reading fluency and speed as well as firing up their imaginations for story writing ideas.
- When learning spelling words, please write a sentence using the spelling word given, in their Orange Homework books. Encourage your child to write interesting sentences using Rainbow Writing.

In maths this week we have been learning about Place Value. The children have been learning how to describe the value of each digit in a 3- and 4-digit number, order numbers on a number line and round to the nearest hundred or thousand. We have also learnt a different number system which is known as Roman Numerals and begun to calculate negative numbers. In Arithmetic we have been learning how to multiply and divide using facts from the 6 times table.

How you can help at home:

- Please practise the multiplication facts with your child at every opportunity. Multiplication facts are needed for all areas of maths including division, fractions, decimals and percentages.

On our website are a range of short films, for each year group, designed to help your child succeed in different areas in maths. These films may be found here.

[KIRFs 'how to' films | Feering Church of England Primary School \(feeringprimary.com\)](https://www.feeringprimary.com/KIRFs/how-to-films)

This week, your child will come home with a Key Facts sheet in their homework books. There is also some links to playing games on-line. In addition to the weekly homework, please could sometime be spent each week learning these key facts. Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) is a brilliant way to practise at home. Please do look at the back of their reading book for their passwords.

In art this week we have been learning about the life and work of Barbara Hepworth. We have researched her life and found out some interesting facts about her. Mrs Smith has made us a wonderful 3D Ostrich which will be displayed in the main entrance. A big thanks to the children who have helped with this.

In computing this week, we learnt about systems. We learnt about the process when buying goods digitally from placing the order to receiving a parcel either at home or in a locker.

In R.E. this week we have been reading The Creation Story in Genesis and wondered why God made animals before humans. We have had some interesting discussions in class.

Our topic this half term is called "The Circle of Life". We will be comparing the life cycles and features of a range of plants and animals. We will also be learning how plants and animals reproduce.

In P.E. this week we have been taking part in invasion team games where we had to avoid obstacles. It was great fun!

In music we have listened to "Rockin' all over the world" by Status Quo and clapped a pulse beat in time. We had lots of fun listening to this track.

Our pupil of the week last week was AJ for Working Hard and Concentrating. This week it is Ayra-Rose for Respect Yourself and Others.

Have a lovely weekend.

