



Hello everyone, we have had a busy fortnight since our last newsletter. The children have been working really hard and are progressing very well with their learning. It was lovely to see many of our parents and carers last Friday for our Family Friday and Learning Together. The children in Ostrich class did us proud with their enthusiastic storytelling, including actions. If you have any questions at all regarding our Learning Together, please feel free to ask me.

In English we have been watching a short film called "The present". Ask your child to tell you all about this! We have based all our writing around this resource. We have learnt how to use emotive language, in-direct speech and rhetorical questions. Next week the children will write a diary entry, in the role of the main character, using these skills. The children have really engaged with this film and love to write using their imagination.

**How you can help at home:**

- Please listen to your children read, at least 3 times a week, to check they are using expression and can de-code unfamiliar words effectively. Research has shown that this helps with comprehension. Reading strategies to help you and your child are available on the handout which was given last week and on DOJO.
- Please encourage your child to learn their weekly spelling words. They should 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 addition and subtraction. We have learnt that when we first read a number sentence, we need to decide whether to use an efficient method to calculate the answer or whether we can use a mental strategy, such as partitioning or rounding up to the nearest multiple of 10 then adjusting.

**How you can help at home:**

- Please practise the multiplication facts with your child at every opportunity. Please log onto TTRS and use the Sound Check option. Our focus this week has been on the 8 times table.
- Please practise the Key facts for their end of half term test (details are in the front of their homework book).

Next week is the start of our Water Aid fundraising week. Betsy and Oliver, our school council representatives, together with George, Bonnie and Xanthe, our

worship representatives, have been organising this event together with other children. We are very proud of them. Children in school have been asked to design a poster for Water Aid. These need to be in school for Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you to all those children who have already done this - they look AMAZING! Next Friday, the children have been asked to dress up in silver, blue and white. Please bring in as many SILVER coins as possible, so we can make a silver river. All donations of coins will be donated to Water Aid.

Our pupil of the week last week was Oliver for Try New Things and this week it is Evelyn for Working Hard and Concentrating.

Here are some photos of our Family Friday.



Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Jones