

Dear Parent/Carers,

Firstly, we would like to thank all parents who were able to attend our consultation evenings this week.

During these meetings, many parents wished to clarify routines and expectations relating to reading books, homework and spellings. Reading books are changed throughout the week and children hand in their books every day so they get in the habit of being independent in this way. Spellings are handed out on a Monday for the children to stick into their spelling book, ready for a quiz on the following Monday. Please continue to practise the spelling pattern of the week as well as using the personalised common exception word lists that you were given at parents' evening. Although we do regularly remind the children to hand in homework, reading books and letters, we also encourage them to be independent in organising their belongings.

In our Literacy lessons this week, we have focused on characters' feelings and have enjoyed reading 'Dogger' by Shirley Hughes, a story based around a boy called Dave who loses his toy dog. We have explored 'how' and 'why' characters feel certain emotions at different parts of a story and used acting to help us understand how the characters feel.

In Numeracy lessons this week, the children have been comparing numbers using the less than, greater than and equals signs (< > =). For example:

Hot			Spicy			Super Spicy		
1 ten		10 ones	1 ten and 3 ones		10 ones	3 tens and 2 ones		2 tens 12 ones
2 tens		9 ones	2 tens and 4 ones		42	5 tens 4 ones		4 tens 11 ones

Next week, we will be ordering numbers. We have also practised quickly circling the biggest number out of a pair of numbers.

In our CCL lessons, we have learnt how to use a variety of different media (pencil, colouring pencil, oil pastel, chalk) to show tone in our artwork. We looked at the different pencil grades (4H, HB, 4B) and used these to create dark, medium and light tones. We then used these skills to begin our own portrait sketches of the Queen.

During ICT lessons, we have been learning to use a programmable robot called 'Roamer'. Working with Mrs Leebetter in the Activity Studio, we have enjoyed creating algorithms to navigate Roamer through obstacle courses.

Thank you to everyone who has sent in items for our 'Harvest Appeal'. All of the donations will be going to our local charity 'SmartMove', which helps to support individuals and families in the Calderdale area that are without sufficient food/housing. **If you have any unused items such as tinned food, pasta, rice, soap, shower gel, shampoo that you could donate, please do so as we are still collecting.**

Many thanks,

Miss Fiddler, Miss Freeman, Mrs Caine and Mrs Midgley