



# Gatekeepers class

## End of half-term Newsletter - 21st October



### RSE

We have thought about the word responsibility. We have discussed and reflected on our own responsibilities and the responsibilities of others at home, at school and in the wider world.

### English



We have used laptops to find out facts about what harvest means to us and to farmers. We discussed things we have experience of harvesting, e.g. apples and blackberries. We were interested to learn the range of equipment farmers use to harvest on a large scale.

We found out about the history of harvest and why it is an important celebration for Christians.

Some children have been learning to spell the 'c' sound as 'k' before i, y and e. Some children have been learning spelling rules for homophones.

### Maths

1	4		5	2		5	4	
+	2	3	+	4	1	+	4	5
	3	7		9	3		9	9

We have learned how to add two and three digits using the column addition method. Our top tip is to start with the ones before looking at the other columns. Some of us have been using our knowledge of doubles and bonds to add mentally. A few of us have solved addition word problems.

We have learned how our knowledge of multiplication facts helps us with division.

We have reviewed all our times tables covered this term and we have been impressed with how quickly the children are starting to recall these facts.

### Topic

As palaeontologists we have looked at the tools that we would need to uncover fossils.

As artists we have made fossils by imprinting objects into clay to make trace and body fossils.

As technicians, we have used laptops to find out information about dinosaurs on the Natural History Museum website. We have also taken turns to use our school VR (virtual reality) headsets. We felt like we were walking with real dinosaurs!

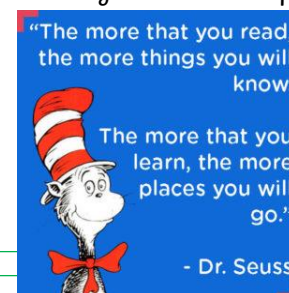
### Harvest Festival

Thank you so much for all your food donations for St Martins. We were overwhelmed with the response.

Unfortunately, we were unable to hold a Church service this year but Mrs Ferrier has put together a brilliant video celebrating our work on harvest which can be found on our school website.

### Homework

There will be no specific spelling or maths homework over the half-term but please continue reading regularly and using the doodle apps.



### And finally...

Thank you so much to you all for your support this half-term.

It's gone so quickly and we have been so impressed how easily the children have adapted to the changes in school routines.

Have a great break and see you all again on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November ☺