



Gatekeepers class

Week ending 10th September 2021



Welcome Back! We hope you all had a great summer break.

English

This week, we have been learning about poetry and used the book 'The Best Part of me' by Wendy Ewald which has fantastic poems written by children in it.

We have used this as inspiration to plan, draft and write poems about the best parts of us.

We are learning to think like authors and have our own writing pads which we use as a checklist to edit and improve our ideas.

Maths

This week we have focussed on place value for hundreds, tens and ones and thousands, hundreds, tens and ones.

We have used comparative symbols; $<$, $>$ and $=$ to compare 3 and 4 digit numbers.

We have used blank and landmarked number lines to identify where given numbers should be placed.

PE

This year our PE lessons will be delivered by Miss Fairbrother. This week she has spent time getting to know the children and teaching them football skills.

Core value

This half-term our core Christian value is responsibility. We have thought about how we show responsibility as an individual, as a school and as part of our community. We have weekly positions of responsibility (e.g. eco helper, line leader) which are assigned by our pot of destiny.

Art

We have looked at the work of Gillian Ayres and used her style of painting to help create our own artwork and think of a title for our masterpieces!

Geography / History

We have been finding out about the key features of the rainforest and desert biomes. We have used atlases and discussed key geographical words such as longitude and latitude.

We have discovered that Egyptians used hieroglyphics instead of letters and used these to write our own short message/name.

Homework Expectations

Reading – children should be reading at home at least twice a week and writing comments themselves in their reading book.

Spellings and Maths homework will be sent out next week. Details to follow.

Maths and English – children can practice and revisit general basic skills through their doodle accounts. Weekly practice will help embed skills taught across the curriculum.

Key dates/information

We will NOT be having Outdoor Learning until the spring term.

Please can children bring in healthy snacks for morning break. Year 3 and 4 do not have snack provided.

Our topic this term is Ancient Egypt. A parent plan will be sent out with more details but if you have any books or artefacts please let us know.