

# Gatekeepers class Week ending 24th September 2021



## **English**

This week we have started examining story patterns more closely. We have discussed features of simple and compound sentences and powerful verbs. We have looked in different story books to find these sentence types and compared different styles of openings author's use to hook us in. We have 'magpied' our favourite styles and edited them to make our own sentences.

#### Maths

This week we have focused on addition and subtraction. We have worked on our mental recall of addition and subtraction facts to 10 and used these to help us add and subtract with 2, 3 and 4 digits.

We have used our knowledge of facts to help us. For example, if we know 3 + 2 = 5 then we also know 15 + 2, 45 + 2. Other questions we've answered include 123 - 32, 653 + 29.

#### P.E.

Miss Fairbrother was absent this week so her colleague Mr Wilson came to continue teaching the children football skills and team skills. He was very impressed!

#### R.E.

We have continued with our big question "What do Christians learn from the creation story?" and thought about all the different colours in our natural world.

#### R.S.H.E

We have discussed what a 'caring friend' is. How can we be one to others? How can we be caring to our friends? We have also discussed racism and watched a clip of a 10-year-old boy sharing his experiences.

## Computing

As technicians we have designed our own labels for the cloakroom.

## **History**

As historians we have answered the question "Why was the River Nile important?"

#### <u>Art</u>

This week we have sketched our own self-portrait thinking carefully about the techniques artists use.

We reminded ourselves about the growth mindset. We have also painted our clay cartouches.

## <u>Homework</u>

Spellings practice – this term spellings homework will all be set via Purple Mash. If you have any problems accessing this, please let me know.

Thank you for your support in helping children with their homework.

## Key dates/information

Please can children return books and homework diaries every Friday. Thanks.

We are so excited to announce we will be going on a school trip to Norwich castle on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November. You will receive a letter about this today.

Please can children bring in a healthy snack for morning break.