

Yr3 Learning Letter - Friday 24th February 2017

Kassi's class

English

We have thrown ourselves into our poetry topic this week by reading poems, reciting poems and even writing our own poems. The children have begun to look at the poetry of Ted Hughes by reading *The Thought Fox*, and will be looking at more of his poems next week. They used the ideas from *The Thought Fox* to write their own poetry, and are beginning to understand what makes writing poetic. I was really impressed by their group performances, where their drama skills shone through. Continuing with the fox theme, we started to read our class text - *Fantastic Mr. Fox* - and all the children are captivated by the story so far (even those that have already read it!).

Spellings - equal, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fraction, half, quarter

Maths

This week in maths it's been all about addition and subtraction. Initially the children were encouraged to use their chosen method to add and subtract numbers, but they had to be able to convince me that they'd found the correct answer by explaining their method fully. We then moved on to solving addition and subtraction questions using the column method and the children have been working in groups and using dienes to create the physical calculation before actually writing it down. Alongside all of this the children have also looked at scaling and created their very own plan of our playground where all of the measurements have been scaled down by one quarter. This was a rather tricky process but I was really impressed with how the children worked together and used their prior knowledge to complete their plans.



Foundation

The children immersed themselves further in poetry this week by discussing the Charles Causley poem, 'The Seasons of North Cornwall'. They listened to some music and discussed the colours and themes for each season. They then got creative and put together a collage for each season, mixing pastels, charcoal, paint and even text from the poem. As ever, they have thrown themselves into their music lessons and have been practicing playing different notes on the recorder. They all now seem very confident in reading music and have some helpful rhymes to help them remember! The children have also been taking part in the 'Daily Mile' challenge and we hope that this will increase the children's fitness whilst having fun running their classmates. They certainly have enjoyed it so far!

