



# Crystal Class News

26<sup>th</sup> January 2016

## **Things to note:**

After conversations with parents regarding home-learning, I have spoken to Ms Quest about changing/reducing the amount of home-learning being set. A letter will be sent out to clarify Crystal classes home-learning as of next term (term 4).

## **What we have been learning:**

English: This week, we have been developing our characters for our stories as well as building upon our settings. The children are applying their prepositional phrases, starting their sentences with them and adding the comma.

Maths: In Maths, we have been building our confidence with written division methods, looking at different ways to solve division problems. These vary from 'dots and pots' to 'number lines' and some of us have even ventured into the bus stop method! We have also looked at applying our methods to mixed problems, showing we have retained addition and subtraction methods from earlier in the year.

Theme: We have compared European countries and written facts about their human and physical features for both urban and rural areas. The children have also been writing algorithms to test on the probots, drawing basic shapes which will lead on to more complex algorithms. The children adapted their algorithms in order to 'debug' any problems.

## **Next Week's learning:**

Maths – fractions

English – writing stories and story-mapping

Theme: Programming with Textease Turtle, writing more complex algorithms.