



Crystal Class News

20th January 2016

Things to note:

Thank you to all parents who were able to attend the bug club meeting. For those who were unable to attend, this was an informal chat, explaining the new eBook system. I also explained how we (as a school) intend to use this system alongside our current reading practise as reinforcement of comprehension. If you have any questions or queries regarding Bug Club please do not hesitate to contact me.

An area we are trying to develop as a class is the ability to predict what will happen next in stories, using knowledge of the text and understanding the purpose of the writer. E.g. why has the writer chosen to use bullet points? How has the writer created a spooky atmosphere? Etc. It would be very helpful if you could also support your child in this area too.

What we have been learning:

English: We have been applying our understanding of past tenses to our writing, following on from last week's learning and we have also learnt about 'prepositional phrases'. We have written some beautiful descriptions of a setting, using our prepositional phrases and we will continue to develop these when we come to our story-writing.

Maths: This week, we have ventured into the world of written methods for multiplication. Though, at times, it was a little 'hairy' we have made excellent progress with this, applying these methods to real life problems.

Theme: Within our theme, we have been investigating the differences in human and physical features between urban and rural areas. This sparked many interesting conversations involving politics – it is wonderful to hear so many opinions. We may have potential politicians on our hands in the future!

Next Week's learning:

Maths – division

English – speech and developing character/setting for our stories.

Theme: Programming with Probots and Textease Turtle.

