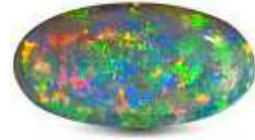


Opal Class News



12th January 2024

Things to note:

We are still expecting children to practise their times tables on TTRS five times a week. Their times tables are still hugely important to them and shall be throughout their lives. We are also still pushing the reading for 5 times a week. If the children are given a raffle ticket for reading 5 times a week, the ticket goes into the pot for the grand draw where they can win the reading trophy for the term.

I would also like to thank everyone who turned up for our stargazing event on Monday. Though it was cloudy, it was still wonderful to use the app to find the constellations. It would appear that we had a chance to enjoy a little bit of snow on the darkened playground as well.

This week:

This week, in English, we have been introduced to non-chronological reports as we are hoping to make our very own leaflet based on the Ancient Maya civilisation. The children looked at examples of non-chronological reports, finding features of the genre. The children have then worked in teams to research the Mayans to find facts reading to write their own report. It has been a great start to our project and we are learning a lot about this ancient culture.

In Maths, we have finished our learning on different angles and we are now applying this knowledge to shape. The children have investigated the properties of a rectangle; learnt about regular and irregular polygons and investigated the properties of different triangles.

Within our project, the children have started their Mayan art, looking at prints. This is the beginning of their Mayan slipper design. In Science, we have had a recap of the children's understanding of materials and states of matter. The children loved this lesson as I reminded them of the purposes of different materials. I think they particularly enjoyed watching me through water at the window. We then refreshed our learning of 'states of matter'. This was year 4 learning but it is hugely important that they can recall and understand it as we shall be building on this learning in this Science unit.

