

# Crystal News



Over the last two weeks in Crystal class we have achieved and taken part in some amazing things! I am very happy and excited to say that I will be continuing on in Crystal class for longer than expected! I have loved teaching this class and feel it is great for the children to have the continuous support of myself and Miss Ali, who the class know well, as we will take them into the summer term! It is **Mental Health Awareness** week this week and in the class we have been talking about how we can support others through conversation and kindness. We have also been talking about how we can keep our own minds fit and healthy, just like looking after our bodies! The theme this year is **Tea and Talk!** We spoke about how we can have a drink with a friend and talk to them to check in with our classmates.

In **maths**, we have been looking at addition and subtraction. We have been using our knowledge from previous years to help us mentally solve calculations that can be quite tricky! We have focused on 3 digit and 2 digit numbers. We have also looked at the written column method for working out trickier calculations in addition and subtraction. The children have done absolutely brilliantly at this! You can ask them to show you at home.

In **English**, we immersed ourselves into the world of Roald Dahl's poetry. We will be writing our own poems at the end of next week using the laptops to practice our computing skills. The children have practiced and performed some of Roald Dahl's poems and have also been looking at alliteration and rhyming couplets.

In **Geography**, the children have been looking at where they live and comparing it to the human and physical features of Cardiff.

In **Art**, the children have created some amazing Quentin Blake style drawing and they have also been practicing their shading techniques when creating a still life, observational drawing.

In **Science**, We have been learning all about the human body and how the skeleton and muscles support the body in day to day life.

**Last Friday**, we had an amazing opportunity to take part in a gymnastics session with Claudia Frangipane. The children absolutely loved this and threw themselves into the tumbling routines! They blew me away with their flexibility and willingness to try any new move. Some children learnt how to do forward rolls and some even practiced cartwheels and harder tricks!

## Important notices

**I am very excited to say that Mrs Jones will be joining our class as a TA for our English sessions and Mrs Ozer will continue with our maths sessions.**

Spelling books and reading records are due every Friday – If these are not handed in by the children, I will not be able to mark, check reading records and stick the spellings in as I do this on my lunch hour. If for any reason your child seems to be missing one, please contact me and I will be able to email one to you. My email address is [Abi.Hurford2@sgmail.org.uk](mailto:Abi.Hurford2@sgmail.org.uk)

**Reading-** myself and Mrs Hurford (my mum, who has offered to support on a Friday afternoon with reading) do our best to get through all children each week! However, I am always keen to have parent helpers in to read with the children! This can be yourselves, Grandparents etc. The children love this time to read.

Mathletics home learning is set each Friday to be completed by the following Friday.

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Skeleton homework to be brought in by the 1<sup>st</sup> of November as this is when we will be showing and sharing!

Please be logging on to times table rock stars at home- we are doing great!

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Hurford.

