



Reminders

Parent Teacher Consultations will take place on Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th February. Appointments can be booked via Scopay from Monday 29th January 6.00am onwards and will close on Sunday 4th February at 11:00pm. Any changes after then will need to be made through the school office. We are looking forward to speaking again with all parents/carers about your child's progress.

The next two weeks:

- In **English**, we are using *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt to help us learn to write a persuasive letter.
- In **Maths**, we have begun looking at multiplication and division.
- In **Science**, we are finishing our 'Growing Up' unit by looking at the basic needs for survival.
- In **Topic**, we are still exploring Kenya - looking at the landscapes and culture and comparing the two to our own country.
- In **Music**, we are continuing to explore the Recorders
- In **Art**, we are studying three artists and their styles, and recreating their art in our own way.
- In **R.E.**, we are looking to answer the question: 'Why do Christians call Jesus 'Saviour'?'

PSHE Dreams and Goals challenges

Well done to all the children who attempted a new challenge as part of our PSHE topic this half term.

We particularly enjoyed watching the Macarena! Now the children know the moves, try putting your times tables to them. Fun way to learn them!

Computing: North Downs Website

As part of our Computing unit, we have been looking at and navigating websites, including the North Downs site. It would be really beneficial for the children to have an explore and navigate the school website, maybe looking at the photos or investigating the KIRFs!

Birdfeeders

Thank you to all those wonderful parents and carers who sent in materials to help build our birdfeeders. We had so much fun, albeit a little messy and were able to use our experience to write some lovely instructions for building birdfeeders.

RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch

Just a reminder following on from the Newsletter that you can sign up for The Big Garden Birdwatch between the 26th and 28th January. Fun, free and for everyone.

Sign up here: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>

Spelling patterns

We have been practising the pattern of adding suffixes '-er' and '-est' (comparatives and superlatives) to words ending in 'y'.

Spelling rule: change the 'y' to an 'i' and add the suffix.

We have also looked at the pattern of adding the suffixes '-ing' and '-ed' to words ending in 'e'.

Spelling rule: drop the 'e' and add the suffix (with the exception of 'being').

Ways to help your child

English: Word class game to try

<https://wordwall.net/resource/157077/english/word-class-sort-game>

Maths: Some children are still trying to learn their number bonds WITHIN 20. Numbots is a great way of practising these.

Please continue to focus on this half term's KIRF - knowing multiplication and division facts for the 5 times table.

Nothing more from us, have a lovely weekend!

Mrs. Tubb, Miss Westwood and Mrs Tolan

