



## Jackdaw news

Welcome back to second Autumn Half term. As ever, we have had a busy week.

In literacy, we have been developing our story planning skills, by dissecting a story and working out its bare bones. By doing this we were able to construct our own distinct version. It also allowed us the time to realise just how many stories are really the same in basic terms.

Maths has seen us develop our skills of mental and written methods in addition and subtraction to answer more varied questions, which challenge children's deeper understanding.

For example  $456 - 149 = 784 - ?$

What was most pleasing was that, though such questions are challenging, not one gave up, indeed many derived real pleasure from attempting to solve them. Well done Jackdaws.

Science has seen us explore the reasons why we have skeletons and muscles. In the process we have begun to construct our skeleton arm with muscles (balloons) which should show the process of muscles contracting and stretching.

Of course we also had a rather special and spooky day on Friday. I must mention how proud I have been by the efforts of Parliament and the generosity of parents and children in helping to raise money for fun activities at lunch times. At the moment we have raised just over £200. Parliament are now looking for suggestions on what to buy, so please ask your children what they might want.



  
timestoo  
learn to love times tables

Understanding the 12 times table is an important element to a child's mathematical knowledge. To help children develop a secure knowledge of this we have launched TimeToo which is an online site which helps children learn their timetables in depth. Your child has been provided with the website and a password login. As part of their homework, we ask that they spend at least 30 minutes a week practising. As they successfully progress, I will activate final tests which when passed will open up fresh challenges. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Next week:

We will be holding a special day on Friday to remember the centenary of the end of The Great War. We will be holding a café as part of this day and we would love to see you there.