

THE FORCE IS STRONG WITH THIS ONE

Jackdaw news

Welcome back and a happy if belated New Year to you all.

As ever, we've returned and hit the ground running. Maths has focused on perimeter and area. Ask your child what the difference is and what rules we use to work out the answer to such questions. Crucially it is worth thinking why this is important in the real world. How many jobs can they think of that require such knowledge?

In literacy we are exploring two key parts that create interesting sentences: expanded noun phrases and subordinate clauses. We will do this through exploring Ancient Greek mythology. Thanks Jess for your out-of-school research.

Science sees us exploring force and we did a test on push and pull using toy cars, rulers, elastic bands and different surfaces. We also wrote up our first true scientific report using non-fiction organisational features.



Next week:



We will be introducing our new topic on Monday which follows the changes in Britain from the arrival of Anglo Saxons through to the invasions of the Vikings. As part of our exploration of the subject we will be visiting West Stow at the end of January. We are looking for volunteers to come, so if you are free and can brave the winter weather please let me know.

Talking of volunteering, if you have a free afternoon and would like to help the class, we are always looking for parents who could listen to children read or help with times table games. It really does make a difference for the class and it gives you a great insight to school life.

Maths: We move to fractions from next week. Though this can be a challenging area for some, it is a personal favourite of mine, (really great for hands on investigations). If you are not sure on how we approach the subject, please don't hesitate to speak to me, (possibly during open tray day on Tuesday morning), as I am more than happy to explain.

Finally we will be welcoming a trainee Teacher from the UEA, Miss Bryden, who will be working with the class over the coming term.

Have a great weekend
Mr Johnston