

Jackdaw news

As ever, it's been another full couple of week at Jackdaws.

In maths we've been busy learning a new formal written method for addition and subtraction which is very efficient and effective. We have then applied it to money problems working 2 decimal places. Ask how we use it and see if you can set them a challenge.

BTW Here's and interesting one. Choose 3 digits and order them to be both the highest and lowest possible number. Subtract the smallest from the largest. Do you notice any interesting pattern?

World Book Day was an absolute triumph. The children explored **Shh We have a Plan**, creating their own collages, noticing patterns in the text as well as creating their very own additional sequence. What was most pleasing is that they saw just how wonderful picture books can be even though they are now so old. One review of the book said it was appropriate for ages 0 - 125, so hopefully that's all of us.



In literacy we have been drafting our news article and exploring in greater depth features of news texts.



In science we have had some surprises with our experiments. It turns out that seeds don't always need light to germinate. The question is do they need light at all? We'll find out over the coming weeks.



Swimming: Can I say just how proud I am of the children who have confronted their fears in swimming. Some have been a bit worried about jumping into the pool. This is a really important part of the curriculum as it helps children react to a possible accidental falling into water, learning to swim to safety. It has been wonderful to watch the class really supporting each other on this. I am very proud of them.

Thanks to everyone for a fantastic fashion show in aid of Comic Relief. It was great fun and I think I may have found a new vocation.

Next week:

As we continue to research and learn about the Vikings, we thought it would be great if the class could make their very own Viking and Anglo Saxon replica weapons from cardboard. We will be using these in the coming weeks to get a better idea what it may have felt like living in East Anglia during Viking raids.

Science Café: Please come along to our café next Friday morning. It will be running from 9 am to about 10 am. It'll be hands on and potentially messy which is nice. We will finish the day with a special science assembly at 2:45 which you are also welcome to attend