



Jackdaw news

A belated welcome to the final and (hopefully) warmest term of the year. As ever, we have lots of plans.

Literacy will see us exploring the book *I Was a Rat*. The plans allow us to really explore how an author works on creating a story and will strengthen the class's knowledge on compound sentences and conjunctions. We'll also be looking at possessive apostrophes and the peculiarities of irregular plurals such as children and mice.

In **Maths** we'll be working on perimeter, area, angles, shapes and symmetry. We'll also look at statistics and revise the four operations too. If you'd like any guidance on how we teach any of these subjects, please don't hesitate to speak to me.



Checking out the Bawburgh school habitat.

Science is all about habitats this half term and we'll be learning about different types and how life has evolved to survive in specific conditions. We'll also explore how people impact both positively and negatively in such environments. This will culminate in a visit to Pensthorpe to get a hands-on experience with Norfolk habitats.

Visit from Norwich Puppet Theatre



There was a little treat at the beginning of term, where the Norwich Puppet Theatre put on a show and then taught the class how to make their own puppets from bits and bobs that lie around the house. The class's creations were really excellent with some inspired choices of materials to create some wonderful magical characters.

Homework:

Spellings:

Many of you will have seen the sheets of spellings that your children have taken home which cover what we have learnt this year. Firstly, please do not panic, we are not looking for perfect scores when we test on these. Instead I am looking for the children to spend some time refreshing their memories on previous spellings and rules. There is evidence that if children do not revisit learning regularly (within 5 weeks) much of the knowledge is lost. So, over the coming weeks we will continue with normal spellings but we will also select from the list that we have already done. It is already proving very useful in identifying individual targets which will really help the class develop strong spelling skills.

Maths:

I've reminded the children about visiting the timestoo website <http://www.timestoo.co.uk/> to practise their times tables. This becomes increasingly important in the summer term, when we will use their knowledge to take on more complex work. Another good website to help them is <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables> I play against my son at home on this site and frustratingly he is now better than me on most games found there.