

Jackdaws News



Jackdaws have had a pretty hectic and fun packed couple of weeks.

Literacy: In literacy, we have completed the Iron Man and then were placed under immense pressure (pretending to be journalists) to get our copy out to the editor of The Bawburgh News in under 1 hour. In the process the class worked on their speech punctuation knowledge, fronted adverbials with a specific focus on time versions such as *earlier today* or *last night*. It is perhaps worth stressing how much the class have enjoyed the book. By spending time really looking carefully at a book, you can really appreciate the skills of a writer and I hope this will inspire the class with their own work in the future.

Maths: We have continued our work on multiplication and division, exploring how are basic times table knowledge can be used in more complex challenges. This has hit home why it is so important to know the 12 times tables off by heart.

I've attached a link to our maths policy that can help with understanding how we teach it. I've also attached a link to a website where your children can play games on a laptop or tablet. The more they do the better they get.

<http://www.bawburgh.norfolk.sch.uk/about-us/school-policies/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Castle Museum



Jackdaws had a day out learning about Ancient Egypt. As ever they behaved impeccably and were an excellent advert for our school. During the day they considered the question of was it ever right to excavate tombs and display mummies in museums. They also made jewellery which conveyed messages through the colours chosen. Further, they learnt how to prepare a mummy including getting rid of the brain.

Science



Thanks so much for the food chains that were created at home. They really did show some great learning and some provoked questions such as whether a Venus flytrap was a predator or not. With our new found knowledge we then headed out to the field at the back of the school and looked for food chains in our local habitat.

Music



The class held an impromptu performance last Wednesday for the Over 60s Christmas lunch. They played Jingle Bells on their trombones and then did a rendition of their Christmas performance. This takes a certain amount of bravery and the whole class excelled.

NFER testing

Jackdaws are currently sitting their NFER tests for the Autumn term. These focus on their spelling, punctuation and grammar, reading and maths skills. I am really proud how they have focussed and for those who feel nervous (who doesn't?) it is great to see them take on their fears, after all it is a crucial skill to master for the future. We will use the data to pinpoint gaps in individuals and the class as a whole and then precision teach these areas.

Christmas Film Morning



The Christmas Film morning was a great success. Parliament are delighted to announce that they have raised £53 which will be spent on fun things for the playing field. Thank you everyone and especially Parliament.

Christmas things:



For Jackdaws' performance the children only need to wear a Christmas jumper, (a homemade one will be just fine if you don't have a specific one). We will be going swimming on the last day of term for a special Christmas session, it will involve a game of swimming pool Quiditch which the class always love.