

Jackdaws News



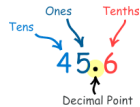
Welcome back from what was hopefully a restorative and enjoyable half term break.

At Jackdaws we've hit the ground running

Literacy:

We've introduced our new book, Varjak Paw which is all about a Mesopotamian Blue who wants to go on adventures. This week we used this to create a diary account using chronological order and time openers. Can I also say how pleased I was by the efforts of the class on their spellings. Best combined score EVER!

Maths



We've continued our work with decimals rounding to the nearest whole number. On the journey we've looked at the rules of the game and the importance of the digit 5 on which way we head when rounding. This culminated in a game of Snakes and Ladders with some tricky rules thrown in for fun.



Science:

We've introduced our new topic which is States of Matter where we explore the world of different elements and objects and how they can be transformed from one state to another. We began by looking at water and how it changes from ice, to liquid to steam. Question: What causes this change? Is this the reason for all changes of state?



Here's what a surgical glove full of water looks like after a few hours in Clive's freezer.

Topic:

We move from the temperate and polar zones to the tropical parts of the world and though I would like to announce a field trip to the Bahamas we will be doing something a bit different instead. We will use our research skills to design our very own tropical island. It will have plants and animals that we would expect to find there and what's more we will use it for our Science too!

Next week:



We have two exciting activities coming up next week. First I'm delighted to announce that Simon Kindlysides will be visiting us as part of our GR8ASUR fun day on Tuesday. He's a World Record holder. If your child has the latest Guinness World Records book, Simon has kindly said he is happy to sign it too.

It's also World Book Day on Thursday. As ever it is a chance to celebrate the wonderful world of books. Children are free to dress as one of their favourite characters. I'm wondering who I will come as? There may be a clue somewhere in this newsletter!