

Dear Parent/Carers,

In Literacy, our focus this week has been to write a letter to the author Francesca Simon. We thought about our favourite Francesca Simon books and characters then asked questions to find out even more about this fabulous author. After the half term, we will be writing our own Horrid Henry stories.



In Numeracy we have been revising 3D shape and telling the time. As well as reading and recording 'quarter past' and 'quarter to' times on analogue clocks, some of us have also been telling the time to the nearest five minutes (e.g. twenty five to seven, ten to eight). At the start of the next half term, we will be working on using estimation to help us work out a reasonable answer to a problem, eg:

$$48 + 28 = ?$$

I will round up or down to the nearest 10.

$$50 + 30 = 80 \text{ (I can do this quickly in my head)}$$

The estimate helps me to know I am close to the correct answer. Now I will solve the problem.



In Science, as part of our Plants topic, we looked closely at the life cycle of a sunflower seed. After the half term, we will be planning our own seed-based experiments and thinking about the ideal conditions for plant growth.



On Wednesday, we took part in an exciting Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) day. We designed and built magnificent marble runs in a bid to keep a marble in motion for as long as possible. The children persevered and adapted their



designs when the marble did not run as they had hoped!

We would like to remind parents and carers that PE kits may need checking over the half term break as many children are struggling with tight pumps and outdoor trainers. We appreciate that the end of the school year is not far away but we will be doing a lot of athletics and outdoor activities during June and July. We would also like to remind parents that school will be closed to pupils on Thursday 8th June due to Polling Day.

The day of the Summer Fun Evening (Friday 9th June) is a non-uniform day. A suggested donation for this is £1. If your child normally brings a packed lunch, please could this be brought in a carrier bag with all disposable contents.

We hope you all have an enjoyable and peaceful half term break.

Many thanks for your support,

Miss Fiddler, Mrs Ollerenshaw, Mrs Caine and Mrs Midgley ☺