



Rowan Class Newsletter

15.10.21

Dear Rowan parents and carers,

This week in Rowan Class we looked at the book *Dr Xargle's Book of Earthlets* as an introduction to our topic about explanation texts. We looked at real information texts from the library and completed a 'features hunt', looking for features of explanation texts in a variety of books. We then created our own information booklets, linking to our topic of healthy eating and exercise that we have been exploring in Science.

We have begun our topic on Addition and Subtraction in Maths this week. We have used fact families, number lines and estimating to check our calculations. We also used our knowledge of number bonds to ten to help us explore number bonds to 100.

In Science this week we discussed the different ways that we keep clean and healthy: brushing our teeth, washing our hands, bodies and face, brushing our hair and trimming our nails were some of the ways that we thought up as a class. We then drew pictures of these and wrote explanations of why it is important to keep ourselves clean.

We celebrated Black History Month this week by learning about The Windrush Generation. We discovered that this generation of people from the Caribbean were unfortunately not always treated very kindly by some people in the UK when they first arrived. We also learnt that The Windrush generation brought lots of interesting cultural diversity to the UK-one of which was the celebration of carnival. We made carnival headdresses inspired by the outfits worn at the famous Notting Hill Carnival in London.

In Art this week we made the cuckoo inspired masks that we designed last week. We used real feathers in a variety of colours and patterns to recreate the real cuckoos from around the world that we looked at in last week's lesson.

Important upcoming dates and information:

Netflix and Squid Game- This week I have heard some of the children in class talking about Squid Game and playing some of the games that are played in the Netflix show on the playground. I have spoken to the whole class about this programme being for adults and that it has very violent scenes in that are not suitable for children to watch. I think some of the children may be seeing parts of the programme through the function on Netflix that shows a preview or trailer for each show before it is selected. There is an option on Netflix to set up a separate account that is just for children. There are instructions on the Child Net website explaining how to do this, these can be found here: <https://www.childnet.com/blog/new-parental-controls-launched-on-netflix>

Homework is due next Friday 22nd October.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Hearn and Mrs Barwick

