



Penguin News

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Maths

This week we finished our unit on decimals and percentages, looking at equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages. The children have done really well with this learning. We have now started a new unit on perimeter and area, where the children have been finding the perimeter of rectangles, rectilinear shapes and polygons.

English

In English, we looked at pathetic fallacy, what it is and how it can be used to create atmosphere in our writing. The children had a go at writing their own sentences using pathetic fallacy to reflect a character's mood. They then boxed up their own *defeat the monster* tale using the model text *Smaug* as a basis, changing the characters, setting and monster to innovate their own story. We have also begun writing the opening of these stories.

Science

This week was National Science Week, and we carried out several exciting activities. We began with an investigation exploring what happens when we mix liquids and solids. The children mixed coffee granules, sugar, salt, sand, flour and bicarbonate of soda with water to test which substances were soluble (dissolved to form a solution) and which were insoluble, making sure it was a fair test.

Later in the week, we completed a fun egg drop challenge. Working in groups, the children used a range of resources and materials to design ways to protect their eggs when dropped from a height. Some groups created parachutes while others wrapped their eggs in materials such as felt for protection. We dropped the eggs out of the window and, amazingly, 4 out of the 6 eggs survived without cracking!

Well done to Freddie and Charlie for achieving certificates this week!
Have a great weekend!
Miss Pullen