

Hello Everyone,

What a fabulous week this has been! I have really seen a big difference in the focus and listening skills of everyone. This might be due to the introduction of our class Dojo points system that everyone is very keen on! Long may it continue.



This week in our phonics we looked at the blend -ew. This spelling pattern was much easier and everyone did well using these words in their work, building and spelling them. Our spelling test this Monday was even better than last week and it was great to see everyone had done their best to learn their words. Learning any times tables at the start is very tricky and might not show much in the way of success at the beginning. However, keep with it, as the chanting, singing and learning will be going in and will get easier with practice. It was also our first week for listening to readers our 2<sup>nd</sup> group of readers, who did as brilliantly as the 1<sup>st</sup> group had.

In our writing this week we have looked at developing our vocabulary further and created lists of adjectives and verbs. We will use these words and others as we become more confident in our writing throughout the year.

In maths we looked at place value, starting to understand the value of TU and even HTU numbers. We also looked at estimating and measuring using cm and again proved we could be sensible and accurate with our work.

In PE this week, we danced along to the 2<sup>nd</sup> programme of the BBC Let's Dance - Under The Sea. In music the other half of us listened to a song called 'Ship on the Ocean' and learned to sing it, played along with some percussion instruments and created new words to go with the tune. In art we tried to create different patterns to represent waves and we will be using these ideas in future work using clay! We also created some fantastic outdoor art, collecting and using natural resources from Coed Cadno to make a ship/boat picture out of.



In our topic/geography work, we used our research skills and learned about different sea creatures, their habitat, diet and some amazing facts about them.

Sadly, storm Agnes stopped our Kerbcraft session this week but we will be ready to catch up next week. Let's hope our good old Swansea weather behaves itself!

Finally, all week we have been carrying out some start of the year Assessments in spelling and reading. These are assessments the whole school does from Y2 – Y6. The children were so mature and tried so hard, it was wonderful to see. We will be continuing these next week also.

Again, I am so proud of the hard work of everyone this week and wish you all a happy weekend.



Many thanks,

Mrs Howard & Mrs Bowen.