

A very busy January

Things are in full swing; we are speeding through January.

Our new English topic – adventure stories – is well under way and we have started by learning and reviewing an adventure story entitled 'Adventures at Sandy Cove'. We have used this story to help give us inspiration and consider the types of SPaG features that have been used and how they help the flow and effectiveness of the story. This includes subordinate clauses, parenthesis, speech, colloquial language, as well as prepositional phrases which we have been learning in SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) lessons. We then mind-mapped all the different places we could go on an adventure to help us create our own setting and then discussed a range of vocabulary that we could use to describe these places. We came up with some great words including: spine-chilling, dilapidated, neglected, withered and sinister (these were to describe an abandoned house).



In Maths we are working with decimals and considering all the exciting things we can do with these! This fortnight, after perfecting our multiplying and dividing of decimals, we have particularly focused on covering between fractions, decimals and percentages. Once we had learnt this skill, we considered how to order these, especially when faced with

a mixture of fractions, decimals and percentages as well as solving word problems. We have also been recapping key skills relating to the four main operations through an arithmetic test and are looking forward to seeing our scores grow and see if any of us can beat our teachers!



At the beginning of this term we had a visit from a local artist – Arizona Eastwood – who happily visited us to talk about her work in the art world. She explained how she works with acrylic paints and the different techniques she uses with a variety of tools. It was great to see real life examples of her work, be able to ask her questions as well as



discover what influences her. She even allowed some of us to enhance a piece of her work by drawing on it, however we wished, with crayons. We are looking forward to Arizona returning later in the term to see some of the skills we will have been practising and to help us to create some big art.

In PE we have been using GO NOODLE in class and have found some new favourites including 'I'm Still Standing'. In lessons, our new focus is gymnastics where we are learning set balances as well as creating new balances independently and in pairs. We have also learnt rolls and moved on to using the equipment – this week we used the spring board and box, testing a variety of jumps when jumping off.

Next 2 weeks - Over the next 2 weeks in English we will complete our adventure stories with our own characters and in our own setting. In Maths, we will be focusing on the topic of algebra. In Spanish we are going to use the 5 w's we have recently learnt and consider how to use these when writing a sentence in Spanish.