

# Weekly update – Y5 Ock Class



Wc 9<sup>th</sup> January

Week 2

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Questions

Hi everyone,

Happy New Year! We have had a great week here in Year 5, we have started some brand new topics and the children have worked super hard!

# Maths

In maths this week we have continued on with our fractions unit, we have been thinking about how we can add both proper and improper fractions and mixed numbers. The children have been absolutely fantastic at this method, they have worked really hard to use their prior learning and identify what process we need to take to find equivalent fractions. We have focussed on finding common multiples/factors so that we can identify common denominators (this allows us to add fractions and mixed numbers together easily). We have been using our fraction bars to create a picture of our addition sentence, this helps us to visualise our conversions.

# English

Last week we started our new writing topic based on writing a speech based on the book 'Azzi In Between' by Sarah Garland. We began by thinking about the different issues that refugees would face when having to flee to another country, we explored this through research and created our own fact files on what the life of a refugee might be like, including lots of statistics and anecdotes from our book. I was super impressed with how hard the children worked on these! We then began writing our own speech, we thought about the emotive language we would need and how we could use our literacy skills to translate this to the reader. I was blown away by the writing that the children produced, they wrote some very compelling and emotive pieces.

# Science

We have started our brand new unit on materials and their properties in Science this week, we have been thinking about different types of materials why their properties are suited to their uses. We explored lots of different materials and identified some of their characteristics – we learnt about the key vocabulary we need to use and explored the question ‘Why wouldn’t we have a chocolate door handle?’. The children came up with some really interesting and thought-provoking questions about why certain materials have different purposes.

# PE

In PE this week we have started our new Dance unit, we have been thinking about interpretive dance and how we can use a piece of music to translate a different idea or a message. We are exploring skills such as unison, canon, rhythm and tempo.

# Topic

We have started thinking about South America as our Geography topic this week. The children have done some fantastic research on the different countries and capital cities in South America; they have also explored different climates and weather conditions around the continent .

### 3 questions to ask your child this week

1. Can you name all of the countries in South America?
2. What is the best method of adding 2 mixed numbers?
3. What is a key skill to use in a compelling speech?

Have a great weekend,

Miss O'Neill