

Dear Parents,

This week in English we have been planning and writing our version of The Little Mermaid. In our version we have taken Ursula the sea witch out and replaced her with our own New Evil Character! We discussed choices together and they ranged from Evil Shark, Evil Seahorse, Evil Jellyfish all the way to Evil Guppy!

In addition we had our individual and sibling photos taken on Tuesday followed by author, Grant Koper's visit on Wednesday. He read his book, The Day Granny's Knickers Blew Away and then answered lots of questions from the children. It was a lovely morning and we followed it up by reading our story plans in partners. We realised we are authors too!

In Maths we are beginning to understand how addition and subtraction are opposites and that this is called 'inversion'. We have then used inversion to check answers to calculations. This skill deepens our work on 'fact families' (2, 5, 7 are related by  $2+5=7$ ,  $5+2=7$ ,  $7-2=5$ ,  $7-5=2$ ). We have also started to look at the relationship between numbers and how, if we know

$2+5=7$  we also know  $20+50=70$ . This will continue next week.

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs Jaggard came and taught us music. She helped the children listen to, select and play music to accompany our Little Mermaid story. The class had a super afternoon, and I'm trying to book her in to come back soon!

For Topic this week we learned about Captain James Cook and his adventures around the globe. We are also understanding some new vocabulary including: voyage, circumnavigate, cartographer, globe, explorer

Next week we will be learning about Ellen MacArthur and writing a message in a bottle. Please can you send in any empty small plastic drinks bottles you have in time for next Friday? If you have extras, please send those in too to make sure the class have enough for one each.

Next Monday we are welcoming in Rev Huggins, who is leading a Harvest assembly. Thank you for your donations this week.

Thank you for completing the homework, any comments you write on do help me gauge how your child copes at home, so I appreciate these.

Have a lovely weekend,

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