

Dear Parents,

Thank you for all the wonderful research for the homework last week! The children were so keen to share what they had found out, and it really motivated them in their planning and writing of their Ocean Fact Files! I haven't marked it as they have been using them all week. There is no homework for half term.

In maths we have been learning about subtraction and using Base 10 (tens and ones) to support this. This is gradually moving on to using jottings and the column method, leading to exchange of tens for ones.

This will be continuing after half term.

In topic we learnt about a disabled sailor called Hilary Lister. Ask your child how she controlled her boat (she sipped and puffed on straws which were connected to an on-board computer). We had a go at this ourselves! I set up large containers of water and the children used take-away cartons (complete with a home made flag), and they used straws to blow their boats and try to control direction! It was great fun.

In ICT the children used a website for coding. They enjoyed it so much, Mrs Killick has asked me to share the link with you so they can have a go at home:

<https://www.codeforlife.education/rapidrouter/7/>

Friday was our last 'Small Steps' road safety session. Thank you so much to all the parents who have given their time to accompany the class each week. We really appreciate you, and these lovely activities can't happen without your support. We hope you like the cards we made for you!

Next term our topic is 'Fire!'. We shall be learning about the Great Fire of London as well as having our own campfire in school (further details to follow after half term).

Have a lovely break, remember the Monday after is a INSET day.

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