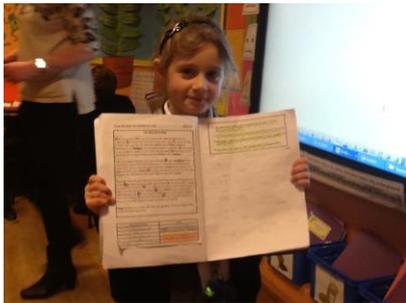


It's week 19 and we are still moving full steam ahead with our learning! Alongside of our normal lessons and our topic, we have also had a successful two weeks on e-safety and anti-bullying, which has seen lots of shared ideas, creative writing and classroom discussion so a huge thank you to all of you for the conversations that have been happening at home.



The Butterflies focussed text this week has been 'The way back home' by Oliver Jeffers. They have been very resilient by looking at the features of the story so they can write their own next week.



Our awesome F2 winter topic writing is all about 'The Polar Bear and the snow cloud' and they have all absolutely loved it.



Safety

If you drop your child off or pick them up in your car can you please refrain from stopping on the yellow lines outside. The yellow lines are there to protect our children at the start and end of the academy day and we would appreciate your co-operation in keeping the entrance around the school as safe as possible. Another way that you can help us to keep the school a safe place is to make sure children are not on scooters, bikes, the climbing frames or kicking a football around before and after school. We have many families who bring much younger children onto the playground to pick up their brothers and sisters and we have to ensure that all our children and their families are safe.

E-Safety

It has come to our attention that a number of pupils have been sending friend requests to adults at the School via Facebook. Just a gentle reminder that according to Facebook's terms and conditions, children under the age of 13 should not have an account. Adding adults as 'friends' is not appropriate. We have had an e-safety week at school and discussed how to keep safe but if the children are trying to add us as friends, the temptation to add other adults is also there. Guides to e-safety can be found on our website or at the site below <http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>



Academy Blog

Have you been on the academy blog recently? Estcourtprimary.net. the blog has had over 16700 people from 66 countries view the excellent writing that the children blog out. If you get a spare two minutes the children would really appreciate you commenting on their work.

Twitter

This week we have reached 600 followers on Twitter @Estcourtprimary. Twitter is a great way to keep up to date with everything at the academy. Each class also has its own account where they regularly tweet out pictures and work. The children's work is often retweeted by famous people such as Rebecca Addlington and organisations such as Roald Dahl HQ. The children love to find out how many thousands of people their work has been sent to.

Website

The academy website continues to grow. www.estcourtprimary.org.uk. This week we have added some multiplication videos in the curriculum area which hopefully you and your children can use at home to help them with their homework. We are constantly updating the website with information about the academy, if you spot anything not on there then please let us know.

Text Messaging

We continue to send out texts to you about a variety of topics, from good work texts to club reminders. You will of course receive a text if your child is off from the academy unless you have informed us. Please remember half of the children who are off from the academy will get a home visit from Mrs Finn or one of her staff. This includes children and families who have informed us of their child's absence.

This week the Penguins have been busy reading 'The way back home' they have been retelling the story. In Maths they have explored shape and they have found halves of shapes. They have been busy making rockets and exploring planets.

Behaviour - Traffic Lights

At the Academy we use a 'Traffic Light' system to warn children if their behaviour is not of the acceptable standard. The aim is for the children to stay in green. The totals below show how many children have achieved this each week.

This week 283 children out of 297 have stayed in *Green*.
Well done!

Frogs	Spiders	Penguins	Rhinos	Lions	Butterflies	Meerkats	Ants	Sharks	Tigers	Panthers	Leopards
26 /26	26/26	25 /25	22/22	24/24	27/27	32/32	30/30	21/21	28/28	18/18	18/18



The Ants class have been taking ownership of their learning this week creating their own division sums and predicting their next steps.



This week, the Tigers have enjoyed working on the iPads on purple mash with coding. They were able to enter instructions to make a vehicle move by setting speeds and directions.



Artistic Sharks creating pictures of trees in the moonlight.



The Pandas have continued their work on castles this week and they have been designing their own shields. Pop in to F1 and see our beautiful work on display.

This week the Rhinos have been doing work based on the story, 'The way back home' by Oliver Jeffers. They particularly enjoyed working together to think of adjectives to describe the characters.



This week the Meerkats have taken their space exploration on another voyage, studying all about Neil Armstrong's space landing.

This week the Panthers have been learning about Nelson Mandela and his heroic journey through life. They have written a persuasive letter to his Wife Winnie, worked on shape and space to investigate the area of his prison cell and taken inspiration from The South African Coat of Arms to design their own.

Frogs 89.2% 2 lates	Spiders 89.2% 0 lates	Lions 89.2% 2 lates	Penguins 89.2% 3 lates	Butterflies 89.2% 5 lates
Rhinos 89.2% 1 late	ATTENDANCE AND LATES WHOLE SCHOOL 94.4% 25 LATES			Meerkats 89.2% 1 late
Sharks 89.2% 6 lates	Ants 89.2% 2 lates	Tigers 89.2% 2 lates	Panthers 89.2% 0 lates	Leopards 89.2% 1 late

The Leopards have leapt at the chance to play their ukuleles with Mr Lodge this week.



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Reception @EPSF2
Rhinos @MissDavisRhinos
Lions @EstcourtY2Lions
Penguins @penguinsclass

Butterflies @Y2Butterflies
Meerkats @MeerkatsYear3
Ants @AntsYear4
Sharks @MrsMurraySharks
Tigers @Y5Tigers

Leopards @leopardsyear6
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