

Topic

This week we have reminded ourselves what 'History' is and how we find out about the past, thinking carefully about different sources and points of view. We have particularly discussed archaeology as a way to discover the past. Every child went into the Nature Area and spent time being archaeologists. They dug up amazing and unusual artefacts which will then become starting points for discussion and will lead into the Greek topic so well.

The children will also make timelines to show important historical events and then see where they happened in comparison to other events. See if your child knows the difference between AD and BC dates.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/interactive/timelines/>

**Just to let
you know...**

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Reminders

We have put the children into small collaborative working groups for this term's Greek Topic.

On Monday 23rd Jan these groups will be making their own Time machines. This exciting activity provides a focus for much of their creative writing this term. To help them make realistic replicas please start to collect silver foil, egg boxes, old mobile phones, keyboards, Hoover parts and assorted boxes (not too big please!)

English

This week we had a strange and bizarre event happening in our classrooms and we decided to write a chronological report about them. The children particularly remembered to use a wide range of time connectives.

We did this to see how people's versions of the same event can be so different. We then discussed how this makes us think about historical evidence and why we should rely on more than one source to find out about a particular event. Once they had done their 'dig' they then wrote up their account of what happened in a newspaper article.

The spelling pattern for this week is 'ch', these are the core words: crunch, bench, lunch, chest, chip, chicken, chop and cheek.

Group Maths

Our focus this week has been identifying and continuing patterns and sequences for lists of numbers, including dates.

We have also started the New Year by looking at calendars and time.

We have learnt how to find dates on a calendar and arrange them on a timeline. This will be an ongoing topic this term.

http://resources.oswego.org/games/Bang_OnTime/clockwordres.html

Class Maths

The children have had great fun finding different 2D shapes around the school and grounds. We then went on to look at properties of different shapes, e.g. parallel lines, symmetry, angles and whether the shapes are regular.