

This week we have considered what being alive means. The children used the mnemonic MRS GREN to learn the seven life processes:

- Movement
- Reproduction
- Sensitivity
- Growth
- Respiration
- Excretion
- Nutrition

See if they can tell you what each one means.



Just to let you know...



Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to see your children back at school. We had a very successful first week introducing our new topic, "It's a wonderful Olympic life." The children enjoyed learning about the history of the games and the legacy of 2012. Please see the topic map on the website.

Please remember that next week we will be teaching sex education. Your children may come home with questions. Refer to the letter we sent home via Parentmail with details of what is covered in each session.

Best wishes
Clare, Sarah, Mary, Tracey and Helen

To launch our topic we considered the impact of London 2012. The children are writing a magazine article which needs finishing off at home. We discussed how our lives have been changed by the inspiration of our medal winners and how the Paralympians in particular overcome their physical disabilities and displayed mental toughness. What a legacy!

In maths this week, we have begun a series of lessons on working with fractions. It would be really helpful to practise using the vocabulary associated with this topic at home:

- Denominator (the bottom number)
- Numerator (the top number)
- Mixed number (eg $2\frac{1}{8}$, $3\frac{7}{8}$)
- Improper fractions $17/8$, $31/8$)
- Equivalent fractions $1/2 = 2/4$ etc.

Keep up the times table practice too!

Please could you sign in your children's diary when they've read three times in the week.

GROUP READING starts next Thursday—please come and help