

# Classroom News



Class Name: Colchester

Term : Summer 1

Topic : Bugs and Shrubs

## What we have been learning:

In our Maths lessons we have been learning about money and time. We now know that the right half of a clock tells us minutes past the hour and the left half of a clock tells us minutes to the hour. The big hand tells us the minutes and the small hand tells us the hour. We also know that we can count around the clock using our 5 times table to count the minutes.

In our English lessons we have been reading a book called *The Minipins* by Roald Dahl. We have been making lots of predictions about what we think might happen next and have been giving advice to the main character Little Billy.

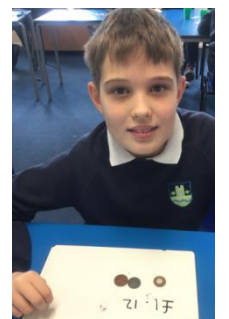
We have now taken our LAMDA exams and are really proud of ourselves for doing our best. (Results will be posted out to school later in the year).

Our Topic this term is Bugs and Shrubs. We have been doing science experiences to find out more about different bugs. We investigated why a spider doesn't stick to its own web and how bees pollinate flowers. We have an experiment set up to see if putting lots of radish seeds in a tray makes them grow differently to a tray with only a couple of radish seeds in.

We had a fantastic time on our Key Stage 3 Activity Days! We all enjoyed archery with a proper bow and arrow and many of us braved the abseiling tower (despite being a bit nervous at first)! Bowling was a lot of fun and Snelsmore Common was a great place to explore! At Snelsmore, we had a walk and then spent the afternoon playing games and building dens.

We can hardly believe that a whole school year has almost flown by. Enjoy half term and we'll see you back in June for the final half term of the year!

## Some photos of our Learning



## Dates to remember:

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Children back in school
- Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 1pm-3pm – School Summer Fete
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Secondary Sports Morning
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Class Swapover Afternoon
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of 2017/18 term