



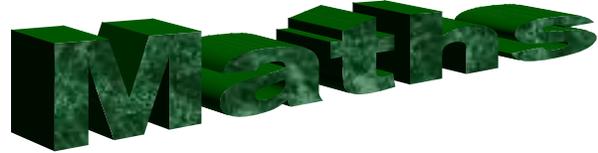
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# Year 5a Newsletter

## Literacy

Over the last few weeks, we have been writing across a range of genres, but our focus is always the same ... to improve as writers by focusing on our writing targets. Each of us has 2 to 3 writing targets in the inside of our Literacy book which we use to help guide our writing, and become better each time we write. This month, we drafted and then presented persuasive speeches, and more recently embraced Halloween, by creating atmospheric stories inspired by a short, spooky animation.



Our Numeracy skills are improving at a fast rate, as we continue to practise and expand existing knowledge, but also learn some brand new math's skills too! This month was no difference as we returned to long multiplication and fractions, but more recently, experienced new mathematical concepts, such as volume, and calculating missing angles. We are continuing next week with angles - by learning how to measure them accurately.



*Writing Workshop*



We have just recently finished our Earth & Space topic. We have been thinking about the lunar cycle, and more recently about why we have different time zones across the world! This week, we are designing and conducting our very own investigation into shadows, in order to improve our skills of prediction, investigation and recording our results! Next week, we will moving on to our new science topic - all about FORCES!



We are just a week into our new topic - Africa. We have already discovered that there are 54 countries in Africa (that's a whole lot of learning!) but have started by focusing on just one - Ethiopia. We our currently researching, designing and creating our very own Ethiopian pocket icons, which often depicted religious or historical figures from the Bible. Watch this space for pictures when we finish - they are going to be good!

### Halloween Parade

Congratulations to Michaela for winning our Key Stage 2 prize for best dressed at our annual Halloween parade!



### Class Dojo

Remember to check in on Class Dojo regularly as we often post our hard work. We'll also communicate new and important information there too.