

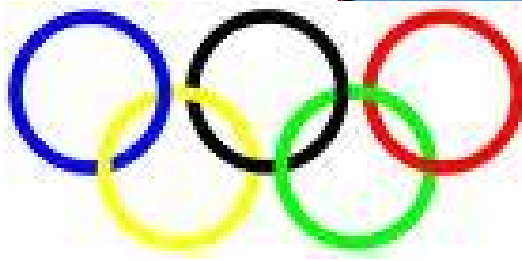
This week we have considered what being alive means. The children used the mnemonic MRS GREN to learn the seven life processes:

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



See if they can tell you what each one means.

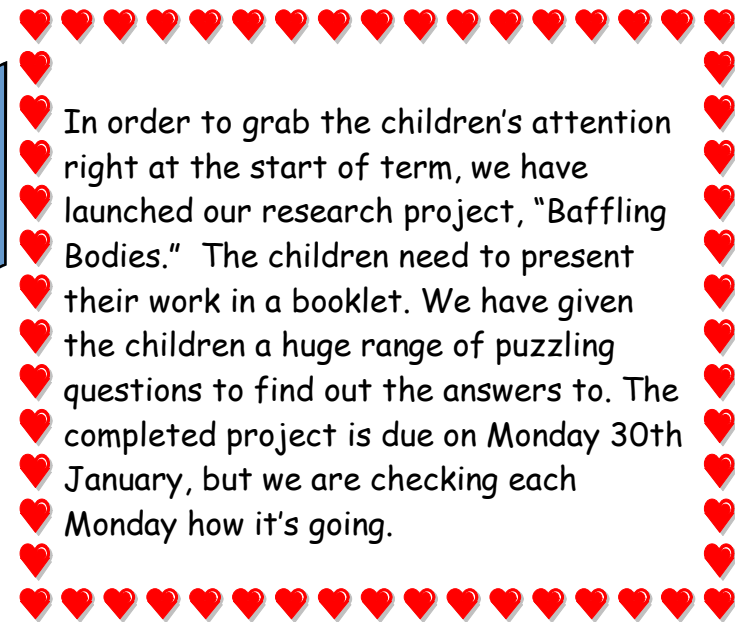
Just to let you know...



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 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 last week with details of what is covered in each session.

Best wishes
 Clare, Julia, Sarah, Mel and Helen



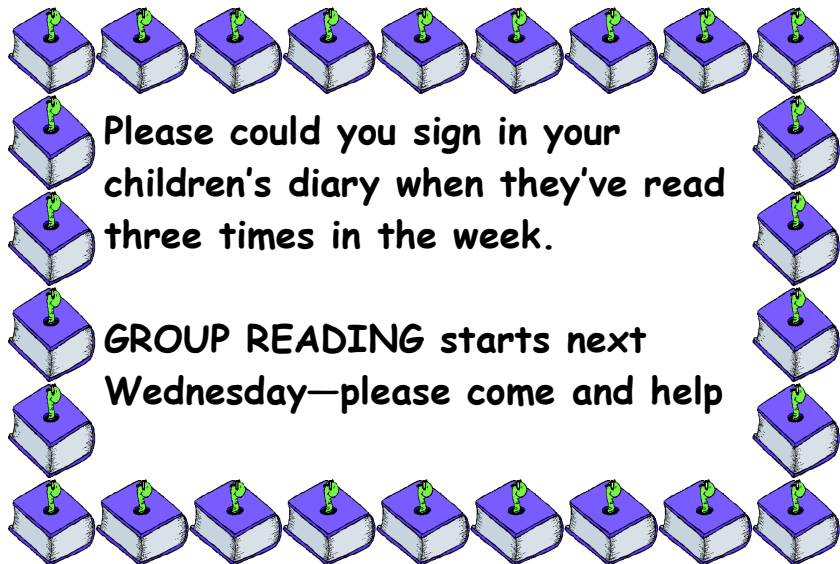
In order to grab the children's attention right at the start of term, we have launched our research project, "Baffling Bodies." The children need to present their work in a booklet. We have given the children a huge range of puzzling questions to find out the answers to. The completed project is due on Monday 30th January, but we are checking each Monday how it's going.



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.
- We have also revised the skills for using a protractor.

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 Wednesday—please come and help