



# Dawnay Lower Junior

## Learning Update



**What did we learn this week?**

**Date:** 15/3/19



### Foxes

We have been looking at the story 'Odysseus' and writing in role, putting our drama skills to the test and discussing our personal views of this tale. Delilah- Rose wrote a lovely letter in the role of Odysseus to his wife before he had to head off to war. She used emotive language and expanded her thoughts using a range of conjunctions. Within topic, we have been looking at the geography of Ancient Greece and how this has changed over time. In Miss Benham's and Mrs White's maths group this week, we have started to learn about fractions and decimals. So far, we have been counting in tenths and writing tenths as fractions and decimals. Follow the link below for some helpful tips. <https://www.theschoolrun.com/teacher-tricks-fractions>



### Otters

This week we have been enjoying lots of drama opportunities through our study of the stories of Hercules and Odysseus. We have also been interested in learning about Greece today and identifying features of human and physical geography. In art we have created colourful painted seascapes and in RE, where we have been learning about Judaism, we wrote thoughtful diary entries about Bar Mitzvah. In Mrs Jupp's maths group we have been identifying, multiplying and dividing decimal numbers as well as continuing practising general arithmetic skills using some new rapid recall whiteboards.

### Hedgehogs

Although we were sad to say goodbye to Hercules, we love the story of Odysseus in English and it has led to some fantastic writing. The farewell letters were simply heart-breaking and the dramatic presentations of the story of the cyclops were a real "eye-opener!" Emily made a terrifying cyclops and took great delight in biting Taryn's head off! The storyboards were splendid too and the good news is that it won't be too long now until you get to read them. In maths we continue to explore fractions but it is vital that we continue to practise the basics: times tables, column subtraction and understanding the day to day facts like telling the time and how many days in each month.



## Heads up!

- Parents' evenings – week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> March.
- Home projects are due on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April
- Remember, if you want your child to be a better writer, they need to read, read and read! Ensure this is logged in their Home/School Reading Records.



## Our "Learnacy" skill :



**Exploration**