

## Highlights of the week:

- This week we took our first steps into a new class story which will form the basis of our geographical and scientific studies this term. In our story an imaginary mysterious island has been discovered off the coast of New Zealand. We know very little about the island at the moment, apart from the fact that there is at least one active volcano there. The children also had some interesting ideas about why local people have tried to keep the island and the creatures that live on it a secret.
- In Literacy we have continued to look at the features of non-chronological reports. This week we have concentrated on using the language of comparison and contrast. We also enjoyed using the dictionaries to develop our understanding of the definitions of words.
- In Maths we have been continuing to solve word problems involving money. This week our focus has been on questions using multiplication and division. We also revisited written methods of multiplication and division using techniques such as the number line and grid method. We are getting much more confident at this!
- In Science we have learnt how to use the correct Latin names for the different bones in the body. We have also revised the main parts of the skeleton.

## Talk about:

We stepped into our new geography based story this week. A Professor told us all about a mysterious flying bird he had seen on the inhospitable island. We were very interested in this and came up with lots of possibilities as to what the bird could be. Talk about your ideas. What species of birds can you name? What type of bird do you think could be on the island?

You could also practice your word definitions at home. Can you define some of the key vocabulary we have used this week?

Key Vocab-report, species, mysterious, inhospitable, skeleton.

## Other ideas

This weekend is the annual RSPB Garden Birdwatch. There are lots of resources and bird related information on this website.

[www.rspb.org.uk/discoverandenjoynature/discoverandlearn/schoolswatch/resources](http://www.rspb.org.uk/discoverandenjoynature/discoverandlearn/schoolswatch/resources)

Norwich Castle are also running some 'Bird Themed' events over the weekend. Flyers were sent home last week!

How many different species of bird can you spot in your own garden?

Week beginning: 12.01.15

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