

**Highlights of the week in Columbus:**

- In **Maths** we have been looking further at place value, solving puzzles and coded jigsaws and working hard to improve our doubling and halving skills. We have also 'played' with money to consolidate our place value knowledge.
- In **Literacy** we have really got to grips with speech punctuation and dictation. Our drama has provided us with opportunities to model characters speech and try to record it, correctly using inverted commas.
- In **Art and Science** we have undertaken a project to construct model solar systems. We've used coloured tissue paper to cover polystyrene balls to look like the planets in the solar system. Still more to do, but we're *very* nearly there!
- In **Geography** we have been studying the water cycle and found out that all the water we have on earth is actually very, very old. Water gets recycled through the water cycle and is continually being moved around and around. We thought about how lucky we are to have fresh, clean water at our disposal, comparing ourselves to other children who aren't so fortunate. We understood why it's so important to use water sparingly.
- In **Spanish** we have been revising our colours and numbers and had a really fun game of battleships with a partner to test our skills.
- We also celebrated the Harvest Festival with a special assembly and a gathering of donated food. We talked in class about what the harvest provides us with and why it is a time of thankfulness.

**Talk about:**

What extraordinary things are in space? Do you know what the Horse Head Nebula is? What is 'dark matter'? Galactic Cannibalism? Neutrinos? What bizarre and truly amazing things can you become knowledgeable about? (Magnetars are pretty scary)

**Homework:** Reading comprehension – answering questions on a text.

Try to use REAL money this weekend. Can you pay for something and count the change? Can you add the cost of a shopping trip together as you go around the shop and know how much it will cost BEFORE you get to the till?

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