On Thursday we had a rather impromptu lesson on sewage and the history of sanitation! This all came about following on from a conversation in class after lunch time. We joined Auntie Mabel and Pippin the dog, to look at what happens to our waste water and sewage when it is flushed away. Auntie Mabel showed us around a sewage farm and we saw how the dirty water was cleaned and made fresh again, and how the solid waste was cleaned and reused as fertiliser. This led us to think about how sanitation has changed throughout history from the days of chamber pots which would be emptied onto the streets to the toilets that we now have. We thought about how it couldn’t have been very nice to have all of that waste thrown into the streets and rivers. Whist this wasn’t quite the afternoon we had planned to have, we were scientists and historians all in one, and found out lots of different things that we didn’t know before!

In Maths we have started working on shape, with a particular focus on 3D shapes. We have been thinking about how many faces different 3D faces have, and what the net of these shapes would be (what the shape would look like if we took it apart and laid it flat). I am sending home the nets of some 3D shapes. For the maths homework this week I would like the children to cut out the nets and construct the 3D shape. They will need scissors and glue or sellotape for this job.

In Literacy this week we have continued our journey through Wonderland. We revisited the postcard that Alice had sent us from Wonderland and created a story map to help us learn the postcard. We will be innovating these in a week or so to help us write our own postcards.

In our actual Science lesson this week we have continued to think about the seasons, and autumnal weather in particular. We looked at the weathers that were associated with autumn, and we thought about the different ways that we could monitor and measure the weather.

We made a Year 1 rain gauge to measure how much rainfall we have over a week. We placed it in the playground and over the next week we will be checking it to measure the amount of rainfall.

Please ensure that your child’s full PE kit is in school EVERY day.

Also jewellery MUST NOT be worn during PE for health and safety purposes. Ideally your child should be able to remove their jewellery (such as earrings) themselves. However, the safest thing would be for them NOT to wear them at all on PE days. This will also help to prevent them getting lost.