

YEAR ONE
Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a very exciting start to the week when we came into Year 1 and the rug had gone! We suspect the cheeky Gingerbread Men have been up to something, but the children are doing so well with their sitting and listening at tables for the lesson inputs, that we will continue to sit at tables for now. Great work, Year 1!

Maths

In Maths this week, we have been doubling numbers to ten. We used counters and a ladybird template to help us double numbers, for example: if we were doubling 3, we would put three counters on one side of the ladybird and three counters on the other side. We played some doubling numbers games using dice to help consolidate our understanding of doubles to ten. Next, we looked at 'near doubles' and used our knowledge of doubles to find the answers to the near doubles (if we know that $3 + 3 = 6$, then $3 + 4$ would be one more than 6).

We also thought about the process of time and practised ordering the days of the week and months of the year.

English

We reread the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and created our own story maps to help retell the story in our own words. Then we broke the story into a beginning, middle and end and focused on what happens in the beginning of the story. The children began writing the beginning of the story in their books, which we will continue next week.

In SPaG, we learnt about compound words (butterfly, football, toothbrush) and tried using these in sentences.

RE

In RE we continued thinking about 'Why does Easter matter to Christians?'. This week we learnt about the Last Supper and how Jesus knew that one of his disciples would betray him. We discussed how Jesus would have felt and thought about what the disciples and Jesus might be saying to each other at the Last Supper.

History

We learnt about the term 'monarch' and how this could mean a king, queen, emperor or sultan. We thought about the different responsibilities that monarchs have and discussed what would make a good or bad monarch. Then the children had fun imagining that they were kings and queens and made up some of their own rules that they would enforce (much to the detriment of the Year 1 teachers)!

Phonics

This week we have introduced the sounds 'tch' (catch, fetch, kitchen), 'ture' (picture, nature, adventure) and 'al' (palm, calm, half).





Science

We have been observing our bean plants this week and have noticed that they have just started to show the root and a shoot growing. We also looked at a flowering plant to help us label the parts of the plant (roots, stem, leaf, flower). Then the children drew and labelled their own pictures and compared the similarities and differences between their plant and one that a friend had drawn.

PE

In PE we have been practising our cricket skills this week. We were very lucky to have a visit from Adrian, who is a community cricket coach, to teach us some fun ways to learn the skills. He showed us how to hold the bat properly, how to catch the ball when it rolls towards us and we had a little race to see if the batters could outrun the catchers!



We hope you all have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Mockler, Mrs Robinson, Mrs Millar and Miss Hall

Spellings
when
what
which
whale
wheat
wheel

Optional spellings	
while	whisk
where	white

