

YEAR ONE *Newsletter*

Friday 9th May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

English

We began reading a book called 'Big Blue Whale' by Nicola Davies. We learnt how a blue whale's eyes are as big as a teacup and their skin is springy like a boiled egg and slippery like soap. We passed these objects around for the children to touch and look at. Then we went outside to measure how long a blue whale is... we ran out of space on the playground so used the children to measure out 30 metres on the field! The children have been working in pairs and small groups to find out facts about blue whales and record what they have learnt.



Maths

In maths this week, we began learning about time. We started by talking about the order of the day and the activities we do before school and after school. We used language such as 'first', 'next', 'after that' and 'finally' to talk about our days. Then we went on to talking about and ordering the days of the week and the months of the year. Next week, we will begin learning about telling the time to o'clock and half past using analogue clocks.

Geography

We introduced our new topic of 'The United Kingdom' in Geography this week. We learnt about the four countries of the UK, their capital cities, national flags and national symbols. The children also learnt the sign language for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Religious Education

We looked in a bit more detail about the Jewish religion and the importance of Mezuzahs. The children then made their own mezuzahs, decorated in pictures that remind them to be loving and caring. They also had their own little scrolls inside to write or draw messages on.



Phonics









We revisited the 'o' (post) 'o-e' (phone) and 'ue' (blue) sounds in phonics this week.

Home learning

Below are some new real and alien words for your child to have a try at reading and the spellings for this week.

Real Words	
chill	blank
start	scribe
best	phone
grit	whisk

Spellings
note
home
stone
hope
cone

Nonsense Alien Words			
steck		bim	
hild		vap	
quemp		spron	
geck		blurst	

Hope you have a lovely weekend!
Mrs Mockler, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Glennon