

YEAR ONE  
Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

In spite of the miserable weather, we have had another great week in Year 1 and were incredibly lucky that the rain and wind stayed away for us on Thursday for Woodland Learning. We began the week by, believe it or not, by creating Christmas Cards! The children had fun and made lots of mess painting their hands to make little Robins for their cards.

### English

We have been learning about verbs this week. The children enjoyed going for a verb hunt around the classroom with Mrs Robinson! We also helped the police to find the thieves, Lanky Len and Hefty Hugh, by making 'Wanted' posters describing what they look like. In phonics, we have been recapping the igh, ear, th and ch sounds in phonics this week.

### Maths

In Maths this week, we have been practicing counting backwards in ones. We completed empty number lines that were counting back from different numbers. We also had to find one less than a number. To help us, we used cubes and took one off to work out what one less would be, or we drew pictures and crossed one out. In Mastery Maths, we have been finding 5 within other numbers (for example if 7 is the whole, 5 is part and 2 is part).

### Topic

For our Seasides topic, we looked at pictures and videos of what seashores were like one hundred years ago. We compared them to what seashores are like today. Then we had to sort pictures into 'past' or 'present' categories.

### Science

In Science this term, we are learning about Animals including Humans. This week, we identified different animals and learnt about how we can classify them into groups depending on whether they are mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds or fish.

### Computing

The children had their first Computing session this week! They went to the ICT suite and learnt how to login to a laptop, open Word and they practised typing their names and some other simple words. It has been great to see some children practising their typing skills at home too! We are aware that these days, children don't tend to use laptops much at home, so any practice they are able to get at home using the mouse pad and keyboard will really help them at school too 😊





### Woodland Learning

We had such a fantastic Woodland Learning session on Thursday! We played a hide-and-seek game called 'Eagle Eye' to warm up and read a story. Then the children enjoyed climbing trees, digging traps for Lanky Len and Hefty Hugh, making houses, searching for minibeasts and making some delicious delights in the mud kitchen! We can't wait until our next one on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

### Spellings

The children all managed well in their first spelling quiz this week. All we ask of them is that they try their best ☺ The books will be sent home on Fridays. Please could these be returned to school, ready for our spelling test next week?

Below are our new spellings for next week! If your child wishes to, they can practise these on their Seesaw Learning Journals – You can add by clicking on the green '+' sign and then 'post student work'. From here you could add a photo of the written practice or they could practice straight onto the journal by clicking 'Drawing'.

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

Year 1 Spelling  
Quiz  
words to learn

well

wall

buzz

fizz

back

stick



Well done to our Year 1 Stars of the week, Reece and Lucy!  
Congratulations to our Leybourne Bright Spark, Olivia!







Woodland Learning fun!

