



Year 1 Newsletter

The Year 1 team consists of Miss Newman, Miss Newton, Miss Rana and Miss Aurela.

The children have had a successful start to their time in Year 1. They have shown continuous enthusiasm and engagement in their new topics and have enjoyed getting used to their new classrooms and teachers!

HOME LEARNING

Home learning is given to children every Friday. It is based around what we have been learning all week in the classroom. Can you please make sure this is returned to school by the following Wednesday.

SPELLING

Each week your child is given a new set of spellings to learn. Please ensure you are practising these words with your child as often as you can. If you require a new list of spellings, please ask their teachers.

READING

Is an adventure that never ends!

Please make sure you read with your child every night! The more you comment in your child's home diary, the more we can all support them in making progress. If you need any help or support filling in the home reading diaries, please see a member of staff who will be happy to help.

English

This half term the children have been reading the book 'On The Way Home' by Jill Murphy. The children have loved hearing about the adventures of Claire, who is stopped by many different characters including a witch, snake, crocodile, ghost and gorilla on her way home! They have been working exceptionally hard at using adjectives, capital letters and full stops in their writing and as a result have produced some fantastic pieces of writing.



Maths

In Maths, the children have been incredibly busy! Over the past few weeks they have covered topics including place value, addition and subtraction and also multiplication and division. They have undertaken a range of practical activities using a variety of concrete resources such as cubes, counters, play dough and dienes, before moving onto pictorial and abstract learning. They have also been lucky enough to take their Maths learning outdoors when possible! The children have shown fantastic determination in Maths so far this year, particularly when presented with problem solving and reasoning questions.



Their confidence in their Maths ability is advancing each day and as a result they have started to develop independence during Maths lessons. Well done Year 1!

Science

We have started the year off with the topic 'Animals Including Humans' and the children have been fascinated throughout. The children began the topic by having the opportunity to find animal facts out for themselves about a variety of different animals. Did you know that a snake can smell through its tongue? Or that you can hear a lions roar from 5 miles away? We then started to look at different animal body parts which prepared us for our very first investigation. The children were asked to find out which animals came to visit the school grounds and made very interesting predictions! They placed a tunnel in the wooded area with food in and patiently waited throughout the week for different animals to leave a trail of footprints. Once they had collected the results, they found that the animal visitors included cats, snails, birds and small insects!



Art

The children have had many opportunities to find things out for themselves during Art this half term in our topic of 'repeated patterns'. They started the topic by finding natural materials in the KSI playground and used these to create their own repeated pattern on the floor. They were then asked to explore the outside area to investigate the different textures. They practised using the wax crayons to produce texture rubbings and evaluated which rubbing was the most effective. Animal patterns were then shown to the children and they were given the opportunity to replicate these using a range of different techniques including smudging, blending and layering. Each week their standard of work has been exceptional and has really showcased their talents!

Geography

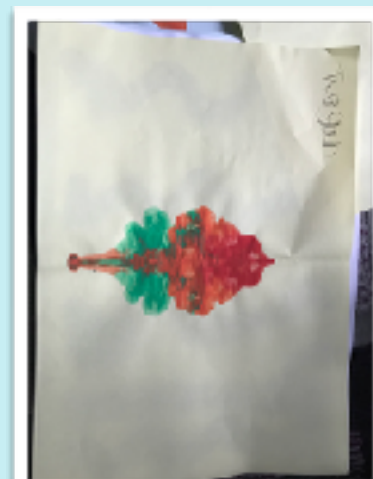
During the half term we have learnt all about the local area. First, they were shown a map of the school grounds and had to try and identify the different features they knew. Once they were able to locate the areas, they were sent on a treasure hunt of the playground and nursery woods with tricky clues testing their positional language! When they had become confident with what a map is and what it can be used for, they began to look further afield. The children went on an exciting walk around the local area, where they were tasked with looking carefully for as many human features as they could find. Whilst on the walk, they found plenty of human features including houses, shops, a police station, a doctors surgery and many more. Well done Year 1!

Computing

In Computing the children began the year by learning all about how to stay safe online. They looked at the story of Smartie the Penguin who came across an odd message on his computer and did not know what to do! The children debated what would be the sensible thing to do, and decided that he should ask his Mum and Dad for help. Smartie the Penguin followed their advise and was able to continue playing his game on his computer, but knew how to be safe whilst doing so! The children then moved onto learning about a new app called 'Book Creator'. They have been learning how to use the app to make an e-book about their walk around the local area. So far, they have practised how to add text, draw their own pictures and how to add images!

The staff in Year 1 would like to thank parents and carers for all of their support over the past half term. Transitioning into Year 1 is a big step for your child and it has been a pleasure to watch them begin to grow and flourish into independent learners and critical thinkers.

If you have any questions about what your child is learning or how you can continue to support them at home, please do not hesitate to ask.



Examples of Art work.