

Class 1 Newsletter Autumn term 1

We just wanted to share some of what we have been learning about in Class 1 so far this term and also to thank you for your patience and understanding during drop off and collection times. We are so proud of the way your children have settled into the classroom routines.

Over the past few weeks the learning has been focussed on making friends and learning the routines of the classroom. We have outlined some of this below:

Literacy

We have used a selection of stories about friendship and being kind including Harry and the Dinosaurs go to School, Lost and Found, The lion and the mouse and The Little Red Hen. We have developed each story through retelling, acting out, sequencing and talking. They have created their own story maps to help them sequence and retell the story. They have also been concentrating on saying and then writing simple sentences, remembering finger spaces between words and full stops at the end.

Phonics lessons happen each morning. The children practise reading and writing words and sentences using their phonic knowledge and to read and write tricky words. They have spellings to learn each week and are tested every Friday.

Reading books

These can be changed when your child is ready - just ask them to let us know and we can help them choose a new one. It would be helpful if you could note in your child's reading record that you have listened to them read each book at least once (a tick or smiley face is fine).



Due to the current situation we wanted to assure you that returned books are kept in 'quarantine' for 72 hours before being put back into general circulation

We will regularly share reading books with your child in school so please make sure they bring them each day

Maths

The children have been learning to sort and count objects and explore their own ways of sorting. They have been learning to continue a number sequence and fill in missing numbers. They are also learning to compare groups using the language equal, more/greater, less and fewer.

Science

In Science, the children have been learning about animals. At first, we focussed on minibeasts. The children went on on minibeast hunts and also tried out tree shaking! We then moved on to finding out about what different types of animals eat and have been practising using the terms carnivores, omnivores and herbivores.

Whole Class Guided Reading

The Year 1 children have also been participating in whole class guided reading sessions. So far this term, we have been exploring poems. We started off with 'The Fly' by Andy Croft we then moved on to 'The Months' by Sara Coleridge. Many of the children know the first few lines off by heart!

Outside

Just a reminder that the children still have access to the outside classroom throughout the day so if you could ensure that your child has a coat or waterproof every day that would be great. PE is every Tuesday and Wednesday and the children have been loving this

If you have any further questions, then please contact us:

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