

Friday 14th October 2023

This week in Year 1:

English:

In English this week, Year 1 were introduced to the story 'Handa's Surprise'. The story is set in Kenya, Africa, so the children discussed what they think Kenya is like, found it on the map and talked about how it is different to England. The children then role played the story in groups and wrote sentences about their favourite part of the story.

World Mental Health Day:

It was World Mental Health Day on Tuesday so all the children wore yellow, which lifted everybody's spirits. We talked about what mental health is and how we can look after our mental wellbeing. A home learning sheet was sent out linked to this, so please do look at it with your child. [You can see photos on our school website.](#)

Phonics:

This week, the children revisited reading longer words by chunking e.g. pump/kin. They looked at the tricky words: are, all, of, one, here and today.

Please practise both reading and writing words at home. When your child is writing, encourage them to say the word, segment the word holding up a finger to represent each sound, then writing.

Maths:

In maths this week, the children looked at ordering numbers using the vocabulary greatest, smallest, most and fewest. This vocabulary can be tricky so please do try and use it in everyday conversation at home, especially using fewer rather than less to describe a number of countable objects e.g. I have fewer grapes than Tommy. Andy has the fewest grapes.

Reading:

The children have been reading in their reading groups 3 times a week focusing on decoding, prosody and comprehension. Your child will be very familiar with the book by the time they take it home. They will feel confident reading it, so encourage your child to segment and blend in their head and read with expression.

Weekly Learning Letter

Please remember to bring the Little Wandle reading books back every Monday. Book bags will go home daily.

Science:

The children continued their learning of everyday materials this week. They looked at identifying and naming a variety of everyday materials. Please talk to your child about different types of materials and why they are used to make different objects. Why do they think a certain object would be made/not made from a certain material?

Learning next week:

In Maths, the children will be looking at number lines and part whole models.

In English, the children will be learning to use adjectives and writing captions.

In Geography, we will be looking at drawing simple maps.

In Science, we will be comparing materials on the basis of their simple properties.

Home learning ideas:

- Recap Phase 2 and 3 phonics sounds and tricky words. Try some games like tricky word snap or a memory matching game where they match pictures with words.
- Do an everyday materials scavenger hunt. What is the most commonly used material in your house? Can you describe what the materials are like?
- Draw or paint a picture of your favourite animal from Handa's Surprise. Can you find out some facts about your animal and write them below your picture?

Forthcoming events

- **Monday 16th October** – PC Andrea will be coming into school to talk to the Year 1 children about road safety.
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