

Weekly Learning Letter

Friday 20th October 2023

This week in Year 1:

English:

In English this week, Year 1 have been learning to describe the different fruit in the story 'Handa's Surprise', using their senses. Children thought about what each piece of fruit felt like, looked like and smelt like and used interesting adjectives to describe them.

Show Racism the Red Card:

Our week started with an assembly for 'Show Racism the Red Card'. This week we have been taking part in activities, that support with educating the children on racism and the importance of celebrating our diverse school community.

Phonics:

We have been recapping all phase 5 diagraphs and tricky words learnt this term.

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 write it.

Maths:

In maths this week, the children have been learning about number lines and how they can be used.

We have been exploring mathematical vocabulary of; greater than, less than, smallest and least through maths meetings.

Science:

We have been continuing to learn about materials and their properties in Science. This week children learnt about the word 'absorbent' and tested different materials to find out which ones soaked up liquid the quickest and discovered that some weren't absorbent at all!

Try testing some materials at home to find out how absorbent they are or whether they are even absorbent at all!

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Reading:

Your child will have been given a reading book for you to practise with them over the half term. Please practise reading regularly with your child and encourage them to segment and blend in their head and read with expression.

You will have received your login and password to access the Collins ebook library where you will have access to many more books to read online with your child at home. Your child's teacher has assigned each child with books that match their reading level.

Educational Visit from PC Andrea:

On Monday PC Andrea, came into School to visit the children in year one. She spoke to the children about the importance of road safety. This was a fun and interactive session. The children were able to share what they already knew with PC Andrea and learnt so much on the importance of road safety and being safe in public spaces.

Home learning ideas:

Draw your own number line; from 0 to 10 or from 0 to 20.

Recap Phase 2 and 3 phonics sounds and tricky words. Try some games like tricky word snap or a memory matching game where they have to match pictures with words.

Share with your grown up, the importance of road safety (how to cross a road safely). You might want to create your own poster that tells others the importance of road safety. Here are some examples to help you:



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Requests

- Should any family have any **wooden toys** or child sized furniture they are going to recycle, we would happily take items off your hands.
- **Child hand sized stones**- we would like to paint ladybirds with 1-20 spots onto stones so if you find those of an even curve and suitable size, please could you collect them for us and give them to Philippa.
- Lastly, a rather time-consuming reach out. These counting logs shown below are very pricey to buy and I wonder whether anyone would be willing to attempt making a set for us?



School website

Please do [visit our website](#), you can find details of forthcoming events on the [calendar](#) (& you can subscribe to your child/ren's year group so it will auto update your calendar), as well as photos of learning activities including educational visits in the [photo gallery](#), read all about recent events and sporting achievements in the [school news](#) section and much, much more!

Have a lovely half term!
From the Year One Team
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