

## Weekly Learning Letter

**Friday 24th November 2023**

### **This week in Year 1:**

#### **English:**

In English this week, Year 1 have been writing a set of instructions for looking after their monsters. They used time adverbials first, next and then to order the instructions and took on the challenge of using bossy verbs that tell someone what to do.

#### **Phonics:**

The children have been continuing their learning of alternative spellings of graphemes they already know. This week, we have introduced split vowel digraphs: e\_e (ee) even, ew (oo) stew, ie (ee) shield, aw (or) claw. Four new tricky words were introduced: house, mouse, water, want. Please do practise these new graphemes and tricky words at home using flashcards and games.

#### **Maths:**

In maths this week, the children have been learning their number bonds to 10 using part part whole models, cubes, counters and songs. They have also been using the part whole model to find missing parts of number bonds up to and within 10 using the counting on strategy and counters to help them.

#### **Woodwork station:**

The children have been really enjoying our new woodwork station! They have learnt how to use hammers and screwdrivers and have been busy fixing nails and screws to pieces of wood, always remembering to wear their goggles for protection!

#### **Learning next week:**

In English, Year 1 children will be introduced to the book 'The Castle the King Built' and will learn about the people that used to live and work in castles. They will think and talk about the role that they would take on if they lived in a castle and will do a piece of writing linked to this.

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In maths, we will be looking at subtraction using the part part whole model.

In Geography, we will continue looking at parts of the UK.

The children will continue with the computing unit throughout the term. If it is possible please support your child at home by allowing your child to practise using the keyboard and mouse as they are very used to using touch screens.

### Home learning ideas:

Practise your number bonds to 10. Here are some links to some fun songs and games for you to do at home:

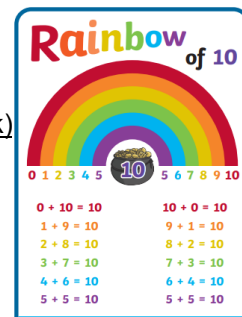
(112) Number Bonds to Ten Song | Maths Song for Children | Number Bonds | Maths Song | Adding - YouTube

(112) The Friends of 10 (Original version) - YouTube

(112) Let's all do the 10 dance (number bonds to 10 song) - YouTube

Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds (topmarks.co.uk)

Save The Whale: Learn bonds of 10, 9, 8, 7, 6 or 5 (ictgames.com)



### Reminders

Tomorrow- Starry Nights Winter fair

1st Dec- musical performance by Catapluf- letter sent requesting a contribution.

5<sup>th</sup> Dec- Seasonal music performance to parents – please see separate email with booking information.

7<sup>th</sup> Dec- trip to Leeds Castle- please ensure you have completed the forms.

**Year 1 curriculum PowerPoint** is now live for viewing on the website – [insert link](#)

### Resources requests:

We are always looking at ways we can enhance the provision for our children through rich resources that allow for challenging and imaginative play. We would really appreciate any donations of old or unused items you may have at home.

We are looking for:

- spatulas, spoons, measuring spoons
- stones



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- rug/carpet for the reading shed
- fairy lights
- open book stands

Have a great weekend and enjoy the Winter fair!

The Year 1 Team