

Weekly Learning Letter

Friday 1st December 2023

This week in Year 1:

Catapluf:

Early phase was very lucky to have a performance from Catapluf on Friday afternoon. Catapluf is an exciting show all about exploring rhythms and sounds. It's a magical journey that shows you how music can be found everywhere, even in everyday things like pots, water, and drums. The children really enjoyed it. Thank you very much Catapluf!

If your child liked the concert, be quick as there is a performance this Saturday in Bromley. Here is the link to that Wigmore Hall concert.

<https://www.wigmore-hall.org.uk/search?term=catapluf>

English:

In English this week, Year 1 have been introduced to a new story all about the different jobs that make a castle run called 'The Castle the King Built'. The children discussed the story and what job they would like to have in the castle. They then wrote about the role they would like to have and why. This has got us all excited for our trip to Leeds Castle next week!

Phonics:

This week, we have been growing our phonics code. This means we have been looking at alternative ways of spelling graphemes which make the same sound e.g. ay, a_e, ai and a. We have been revisiting all the alternative spellings of graphemes for phonemes we already know that we have learned so far this half term. We have been sorting words by phonemes and searching for spelling patterns for each grapheme e.g. does the 'ay' grapheme come at the beginning, middle or end of the word. If your child is unsure of which grapheme to choose for a word, encourage them to try writing it with all the possible graphemes it could be and then choose which one looks correct e.g. gaim, gam, game. If they were to try gaym, show them words with the 'ay' grapheme in and ask them where the 'ay' goes in the words. Could we write game with an 'ay' in the middle?

Maths:

In maths this week, the children have been continuing their work on finding a missing part and looking at this in relation to subtraction. The whole is 8. I have taken away

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5. What is this missing part? We then used part whole models to write subtraction number sentences. We will be exploring other methods of subtraction next week. Subtraction can be tricky so please do practise this at home.

Geography:

In geography, Year 1 have been looking at parts of the UK. We looked at what UK stands for and what a United Kingdom actually is. We looked at a map of the UK and learned what 4 countries make it up. Then we learned some facts about the different countries.

Learning next week:

In maths, we will be taking away by crossing out and taking away from a group.

In English, we will be baking biscuits so we can write instructions the following week and we will be writing a recount of our trip to Leeds Castle.

In DT, we will be making free-standing castles.

In history, we will be learning about different parts of castles and why they were built.

Home learning ideas:

Draw and label your own map of the UK.

Research a castle in the UK and make an information poster or booklet about it.

Create your own song using household items.

Have a go at these maths games below:

Subtraction to 10 - [Subtraction To 10 \(topmarks.co.uk\)](https://www.topmarks.co.uk/100Days/100Days.htm)

More of a challenge - fact families - [Number Fact Families - Topmarks](https://www.topmarks.co.uk/100Days/100Days.htm)

Dates to remember:

Year 1 performance – Tuesday 5th December 9:20am and 2:15pm

Leeds Castle Trip – Thursday 7th December. Arrive at 8:15am for an 8:30am departure.