

## Weekly Learning Letter

**Friday 8th December 2023**

### This week in Year 1:

#### Christmas Show:

Thank you to all the parents/carers who came to our Year 1 Christmas singing performance on Tuesday, we hope that you all enjoyed the event. The children all sang their hearts out and a good time was had by all!

#### Leeds Castle:

The children had a wonderful time visiting Leeds Castle on Thursday. They got to experience what it's like inside a real Castle and enjoyed looking around all of the rooms. They had great fun dressing up as different characters to retell the story of the Swan Princess and played in the castle's adventure playground.

#### English:

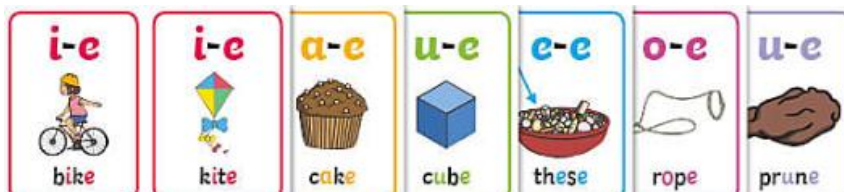
In English this week, Year 1 have been writing a recount of their exciting trip to Leeds Castle. The focus was to write about the day and use time connectives to order the events of the day.

#### DT

In DT we have been making free standing castles using cardboard and other resources. We have learnt to connect 2 pieces of cardboard together using the L-Brace and will be applying this skill when making the walls of our castles. We have also used a previously learnt skill, the flange, to connect tubes to our castles so that they can be turrets.

#### Phonics:

This week, we have been revising all of the Phase 5 sounds and tricky words that we have learnt this term. At home you can practise writing and reading words with split digraphs in. Below are some examples for you. See if you can think of your own.



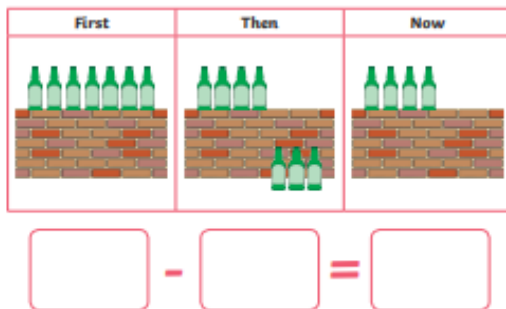
#### Maths:

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In maths this week, the children have been continuing their work on subtraction by looking at subtraction stories. We have been making up and telling each other our own subtraction stories and recording number sentences to go with our stories.

Practise telling someone at home a subtraction story of your own:

Can you record the number sentence using the subtraction symbol?



### 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. We will continue to learn about the different parts of the UK during the rest of the term.

### Learning next week:

In maths, we will be taking away by using a numberline to jump back.

In English, we will be baking biscuits and writing a set of instructions.

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

### Home learning ideas:

Retell the story of the Swan Princess to an adult at home.

Look out for signs of winter outside in your garden or at your local park. Draw a picture of what you see.

Make a castle out of junk modelling at home. Can you use the flange or L-brace to connect materials together?

Have a go at these maths games below:

Subtraction to 10 - [Subtraction To 10 \(topmarks.co.uk\)](https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Year1/Number/Number%20to%2010)

More of a challenge - fact families - [Number Fact Families - Topmarks](https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Year1/Number/Fact%20Families)

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### **Please remember:**

- Christmas lunch, Christmas jumper day and class parties – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December
- Please make payment for the Catapluf music performance via your ParentPay.

### **Requests:**

IT equipment such as old keyboards, laptops, phones, electrical items that no longer work or have faults as this will be for role play.

**Have a restful weekend**

**Year 1 Team**