

Weekly Learning Letter

Friday 9th February 2024

This week in Year 1:

This week we celebrated Children's mental health week. This included an assembly with the focus of 'My Voice Matters'. All children in Year One were able to complete a mindfulness activity with their reading buddies.

We were visited by Melanie a mindfulness teacher, who led a workshop in each class. She brought in different flowers from her garden to show the children and a range of percussion instruments.

The children really enjoyed the opportunity to express themselves on Friday. It was a fantastic end to the week.

English:

The children have concluded their learning on the book **Traction Man**. We discussed the use of capital letters and proper nouns in the text and what it told us about the different settings throughout the story. We looked at the size of the writing and discussed how you might read these words. In class we made up our own settings and stuck them in different areas around the classroom. We then made superheroes and acted out our own stories in our independent play.

Phonics:

This week in phonics the focus for learning has been 'grow the code'. The sounds we have looked at are the following; **oo** (soup), **ee** (happy, belief), **s** (visit, fizzy) and **oa** (yellow, home). We have revisited the tricky words that have been taught this half term (people, your, their, through, friend, work, water, want, any, many, again, could, would, should, different, me & school)

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Maths



They have worked on subtracting within 20 using different methods. The children have also explored using dienes to make teen numbers.

RE

This term the children have been learning about Islam. We have answered the questions - Who is Allah? How do Muslims follow the teachings of Allah? And who was the Prophet Muhammad? (PBUH)

Learning next term:

We will be starting our new topic, **Space**. Our enquiry question is,

‘Can I live on the moon’?

The children will be learning about space exploration. With the introduction of astronauts from different ethnicities.

Home learning ideas:

- To complete your maths home learning sheet (please check your child's book bag)
- Reading your Little Wandle reading book to your grown up
- Create a book about all the adventures you have this half term
- Go to your local library and find books about Space

PE days

Due to some recent changes to the week, our new PE days are:

Tuesday - Indoor PE

Friday - Outdoor PE

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Wish List

Next half term we are focusing on the development of our construction areas within all the classes in the Early Phase (Nursery – Year 1) with this in mind we have been creating a list of all the resources we need more of. If you have a half-term clear out and come across any of the below items please could you think about donating them to us or if you know any other friends or family members who may have some of the items we are looking for please share it with them. Thank you in advance.

Construction Items

- Duplo
- Lego
- Mobilo
- K'nex
- Wooden building blocks
- Magnetic blocks
- Stickle Bricks
- Spirit Levels
- Small to medium sized cable reels

Have a Lovely Half Term!

Year 1 Team