

Weekly Learning Letter

Friday 1st March 2024

Internet Safety

On Thursday we focused on Internet Safety Day to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. The children learnt about how technology can change people's feelings and how they can respond to online safety concerns.

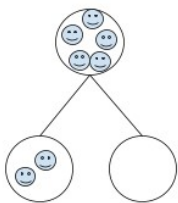
English:

This week the children have continued to learn about 'Beegu'. We discussed the first pages of the story and talked about what we liked, what we didn't like and what puzzled us about the story so far. We continued to read on in the story and looked closely at Beegu's body language when communicating with the rabbits, tree and the leaves. We worked with learning partners to act out these scenes from the story and thought about how Beegu was feeling. We then discussed what they might be saying and wrote speech bubbles for Beegu.

Phonics:

The focus for learning has been 'grow the code'. The sounds we have looked at are the following; **a** (path) **al** (walk), **tch** (fetch), **ture** (creature). We have also learnt to read the tricky words **eye**, **because**.

Maths



The children have looked at missing number problems and learnt about strategies to solve them. We have practised using part part whole models and counters, counting on when adding and using a numberline.

Science

This week children have continued to learn about **plants**. They have learnt about the different stages of a plant and what a plant needs to grow. The children planted their own kidney beans in cups under different conditions and will observe and record their changes over time.

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History

This week the children travelled back in time in a class time machine to learn about some of the famous astronauts who have been into space. We travelled right back to when Neil Armstrong was born and then travelled forward along a timeline and learnt about other astronauts who had been into space, including Mae Jemison, the first African-American who went into space and Tim Peake, the first official British astronaut to walk in space.

Learning next week:

In History we will be learning about Neil Armstrong and creating a timeline of his life.

We will continue our core text 'Beegu' and will be hot seating Beegu to find out more about their character and writing a letter from them to their mum about their time on planet Earth.

In maths we will be learning about place value within 50. We will explore the number of tens in 'ty' numbers as well as counting objects by making groups of ten.

Home learning ideas:

Look out for signs of Spring in your garden or in your local park. Can you see any of these things:



Blossom on trees



Birds nesting



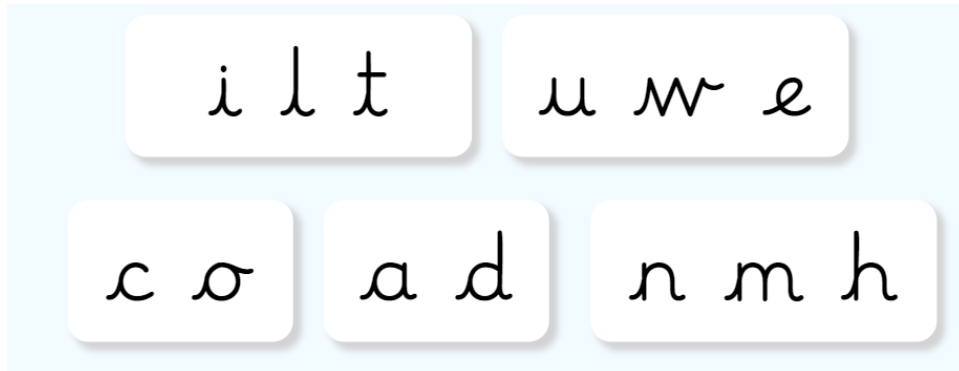
Flowers blooming



Buds on trees and plants

Practise your cursive handwriting. Choose some letters from below to practise at home:

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Practise writing some of these words:

ill | we | cow | lad | ham

Wish List

This 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 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 weekend!

Year 1 Team