

Year 1 Newsletter 07.05.21

Shining bright

Despite the recent weather, our Year 1 children continue to brighten up our classrooms with their enthusiasm and excitement for learning. They have produced some exceptional work these past few weeks and we are extremely proud of them all. Well done, Year 1! Keep it up!



Year 1 Reading Challenge



Next week, we would like to challenge every child in Year 1 to read to an adult at home at least 3 times every week. In return, the children will receive a special sticker and raffle ticket every time they achieve this. The ticket will go into a weekly draw with a chance to become 'Boss of the Week' where they are awarded special privileges and help to make important decisions for our class. There will also be an additional draw at the end of the half term for an extra prize. The more tickets you have, the more chances you have to win! In order to complete the challenge an adult must put a signature and date in the reading record each time your child reads.

Curriculum

In English, we are immersing ourselves in stories from other cultures. This week we are enjoying the story 'Tortoise's Dream' and have been reading detectives, making predictions about what might come next.

In Art, we have further explored the skill of printing by creating our own cardboard prints. We were given a selection of materials such as lolly sticks, art straws, corrugated card and pipe cleaners, to create interesting shapes and textures. We then stuck them to our piece of card ready for printing with. The children were very creative in their designs and we cannot wait to see what pictures and patterns they create with them in our Art lesson this week.



In PE we have been developing our skills in striking games. We discussed some of the sports where striking is a key skill e.g. tennis, cricket, golf and then practised striking balls of different shapes and sizes with our hands, discussing which were easier or more difficult to hit. It was really fun turning our skills into a game, trying to strike the ball into our opponents goal!



As part of a Science project, we have been developing our Year 1 garden by creating our very own allotment. The children learnt how to plant and take care of vegetables and we linked this to the DT from last term where we learnt which part of the plants we eat and how to tell the difference between fruit and vegetables. We are growing radishes, lettuce, carrots, beans and potatoes, and we cannot wait to taste them next half term!



Duckling Project

We are now 3 weeks into our project and the excitement is building to meet our feathered friends! This week, all of the children had the opportunity to candle the egg to see the developing embryo moving inside. The children were fascinated by what they saw! We have also watched videos to help the children understand what is happening and how the embryos are developing each day.



While everyone is very excited and keen to see some new web-footed arrivals, we have explained to the children that, just as in the wild, eggs will sometimes not hatch at the end of the incubation period—the idiom of not counting your chickens until the eggs have hatched transfers just as appropriately to ducks! That said, we have still been carefully checking off each day on our calendar and hope we have some 'cracking' news next week!

Dates for your Diary

Friday 28th May - Teacher training day and beginning of May half term holiday (school closed)

Monday 7th June - children return to school