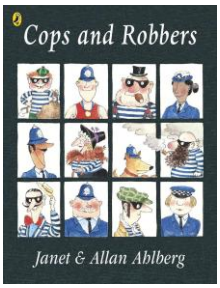
Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 20th November 2026

Dear Parent / Carer,

In Phonics, our sounds this week have been ‘e-e’ as in these, ‘ie’ as in shield, ‘ew’ as in chew and new and ‘aw’ as in draw. Our tricky words for the week have been: house, mouse, water and want. These are the words the children need to be able to sight read.



In English lessons this week, we have continued to write dictated captions and sentences, ensuring our letter formation begins and ends in the correct place. This week, we have read ‘Cops and Robbers’ by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. We have focused on the main problem in the story and we quizzed Grabber Dan about his unacceptable behaviour!

This week in Maths, we have started our subtraction unit. Initially, we explored this practically and then built understanding through pictorial representations. These hands-on and visual strategies are supporting the children as they learn to read, understand, and solve subtraction number sentences with increasing independence. The children also used number lines to solve subtraction sums, carefully remembering the steps when jumping and landing on a number line.

During our RESPECT lesson this week, we have been celebrating Anti-Bullying Week. We have discussed how we can **Break the Silence**, which is the theme this year. We then acted this out in small groups, remembering we can always STOP (**S**tart **T**elling **O**ther **P**eople) if we see something that does not seem kind.

In History, we have continued to explore our personal histories. We discussed how we can use photographs to recognise changes over time We enjoyed making our own memory box and drawing three memories to place in our box.

Many thanks,
Miss Nicholson and Miss Knight