

Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 5th October 2018

Dear Parent / Carer,

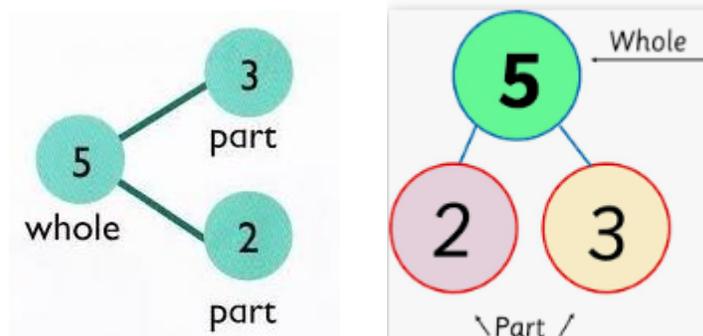
In Literacy this week, we enjoyed acting out our own stories featuring Quorb the alien. Next week, we will plan and write stories about Quorb and the mischief he creates in the classroom. We would like to set up a nice place for Quorb to live in our classroom, so if you have any alien stories he might like to read with us please send them in.

We have introduced the children to the Phase 5 tricky star words:

oh	their	people	Mr	Mrs	looked	called	asked	could
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The children need to be able to read and spell these words by the end of Year 1.

In Numeracy this week, we have been learning how to use the 'Part Whole Model'. This helps children to partition (split up) numbers in different ways.

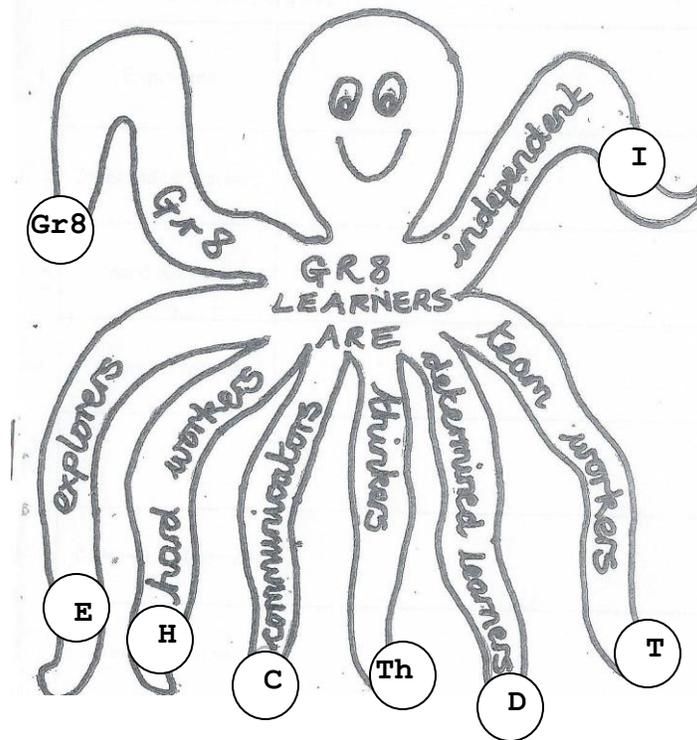


Thank you to everyone who has sent in items for our 'Harvest Appeal'. All of the donations will be going to our local charity 'SmartMove', which helps to support individuals and families in the Calderdale area that are without sufficient food/housing. **If you have any unused items such as tinned food, pasta, rice, soap, shower gel, shampoo that you could donate, please do so as we are still collecting.**

We would like to share with you our school reward system which is known as Gr8 Learners. We look for lots of opportunities to award the children points for being:

1. Explorers (finding out and discovering new things)
2. Independent workers
3. Hard workers
4. Communicators (taking part in whole class discussion and communicating their ideas through written activities)
5. Thinkers (problem solving)
6. Determined learners (persevering even when things are tricky!)
7. Team workers
8. **Gr8** (great effort, attitude and behaviour)

Once the children are awarded points, they will be responsible for adding stickers onto their own passports, which will be kept in school. They will then be able to see which aspect (tentacle) they scored the most points in over a half term. The winning child for each tentacle will have their name entered into the draw for the chance to take part in a GR8 afternoon – these could be cooking experiences, movie afternoons with snacks or extra time in the ICT suite. The winners are chosen during assembly and the children then get to spend the rest of the afternoon taking part in the chosen activity which is led by school staff.



As part of our Holidays CCL topic, we are going to be finding out about how holidays have changed through time. Your child will bring home a questionnaire to complete with family members (ideally of different generations) about the earliest holiday they can recall. We would be very grateful if completed questionnaires could be returned to school by Friday 12th October. Thank you!

Finally, we would like to say 'Thank You' for attending the Parent Teacher consultation evenings; it was lovely to meet you all.

Many Thanks

Year One team