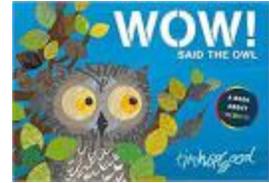


Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 9th November 2018

Dear Parent / Carer,

This week in Literacy, we have enjoyed exploring predictable and patterned language through the story, "Wow!" Said the Owl by Tim Hopgood. After reading the story, we went on our own adventure with our class owl to see what he could see. Next week, we will follow the pattern of the story to create our own owl adventure, based on a farm setting.



In phonics, we have started to introduce 'Phase 5' of the Letters and Sounds Phonics Programme, with alternative spelling patterns for the 'ai' phoneme (ai – rain, ay – play, a-e – game, ey – they). When looking at these spelling patterns, we sometimes use rhymes, special names or stories to help the children to remember when they are used:

ai – 'shy i' doesn't like to be at the end of the word , so we only find this spelling pattern at the beginning or in the middle of words e.g. aim, rain.

ay – 'toughy y' is brave so this spelling pattern is used at the end of words e.g. play, tray (apart from in certain exceptions eg. crayon).

a-e – 'hop over e'. The magic 'e' hops over another letter to make the 'a' say its letter name e.g. make, same.

This week in Numeracy, we have been using a number line when subtracting numbers. The children have done really well at remembering to jump backwards to make the starting number smaller. We will continue with this focus next week.

On Wednesday 14th November, we will be launching the 'Day and Night' topic. On the day, children will need to come in normal uniform but we invite them to bring their pyjamas to change into at school, as well as a favourite story/book. During the course of the day, we will discuss examples of light sources, as well as reflecting upon ways in which light is used as a symbol within many faiths. The children will then use clay to create their own tealight holders.

Your child has been given a new Reading Diary. This will replace the Home/School book as the way of recording when your child has read at home or at school. At the back of the book there is a page with the heading 'Words to learn'. School staff will use this page to write any words that your child has found tricky so that they can practise them at home and at school. We will continue to use the orange Home/School books for any messages that need to be passed between home and school.

Please can we remind you about the Year 1 Phonics information meeting for parents which is on Tuesday 27th November at 6pm. Thank you to those of you who have already returned your forms to say that you will or will not be attending. We hope to see as many of you there as possible so that we can help you to support your child with their progress towards the Year 1 Phonics Check in June 2019.

Many Thanks
Year One team