

Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 15th February 2019

Dear Parent / Carer,



We have been authors in Literacy this week; everyone has written their version of the Jack and the Beanstalk story– well done! After the holidays, the focus of our learning will be based around non-fiction. Within our lessons, we will begin to explore the features of non-fiction texts. Following on from this, the children will create their own circus fact file. If you get the chance to look through a non-fiction book with your child in preparation for this learning, it would be great to reinforce the features of information texts (e.g contents page, sub-headings, paragraphs, photographs with labels, captions).

In Phonics lessons, we have learnt the ‘wh’ sound like in whisper. We have linked this to question words: what, when, why, where, which. The children have looked at a picture and thought of different questions they could ask about the picture. This is a great activity to try at home – think of the question and then write it down – don’t forget to use a question mark ? at the end.

Our Numeracy learning has been linked to fractions and how we represent half (1/2) and quarter (1/4). Finding half of a number and groups of objects has challenged the children to notice how many different ways we actually use fractions. After half term, we will be revising place value using sticks and bricks to represent the tens and ones.

In CCL, we have identified what material an object is made from and why this material might have been selected. We have also carried out tests on different materials to find out which material is the most suitable for a circus tent. After the holidays, our learning will be based around geography using maps, plans and simple keys to locate things. Using the information we have gathered about the circus, the children will need to consider the layout of their own. If you are out and about over the holidays, could you please collect any simple maps of the places you visit and send them into school – Thank you.

Finally, have a good holiday and we will see you back at school on Monday 25th February.

Many Thanks
Year One team