

Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 27th September 2019

Dear Parent / Carer,

During Literacy lessons this week, we read the book 'Monstersaurus' by Claire Freedman. You may have heard that a monster paid a visit to our classroom! It was a friendly monster (that looked suspiciously like Mrs Green, one of our teaching assistants). We used high 5 sentences and adjectives to describe the monster. Next week, we may have a visit from another new friend...

In Numeracy this week, we have been comparing sets of numbers to say which has the most, the least, fewer, a greater amount or an equal amount. Next week, we will be ordering and sequencing numbers, including the use of ordinal numbers: 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

In CCL, we have focused on the geographical aspect of our topic by finding out about each of the four countries that make up the UK. Using maps, we have located the capital cities of the United Kingdom and recreated their flags. In our Art lesson, we painted ice creams in the style of Georges Seurat. He used a technique called Pointillism – lots of small dots of paint to create a picture. Next week, we will continue to use atlases, globes and Google Earth (on the iPads) to explore climate, landscape and features within specific areas of Brighouse and Australia, drawing comparisons with our own locality.

Last Wednesday, we had our Harvest Assembly. Dom from the Calderdale charity 'Smart Move' came to ask for our help to collect items of food and toiletries to give to individuals and families in our local area who need support. If you could help us, please could you send in any of the following items before Wednesday 16th October: tinned meat, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, pasta, rice, spaghetti, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand wash, shower gel etc. All items must be new, in date and non-perishable so fresh fruit and vegetables are not suitable. Please send all items in with your child or if they are too heavy, please leave them at the main visitor office.

Bookworms

We have introduced the children to our Bookworms competition. This is linked to the reading books the children take home to read with you. To encourage them to read as often as possible, we are going to reward them for how many books they have read and had signed off in their Reading Diaries. When they have read 30 books, they will receive the Bronze award bookmark. 40 books and they will gain the Silver bookmark and when they get to 50 books they will get the Gold bookmark and a gold chocolate coin. We are delighted to say that some children are reading every day at home and are already well on their way to their first book mark. Well done!

Finally, we would like to congratulate the children on how well they have settled into swimming lessons. Well done Year 1!

We look forward to seeing you all next week at the Parent Consultations.

Important Dates for your Diaries:

Tuesday 1st and Thursday 3rd October – Parent/Teacher Consultations

Thursday 17th October – Open Door session 2.40pm

Thursday 14th November – Y1 Phonics Information evening for parents 6.00 – 6.30pm



Many Thanks
Year One team