

Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 4th October 2019

Dear Parent / Carer,

During Literacy lessons this week, we introduced our friendly alien called Quorb. He is a very colourful to look at, so together we have used adjectives to describe what he looks like. Next week, we will be finding out what he is like as a character. Using the i-Pads, we will take photos to capture some of the things he likes to do and some of the mischief he gets up to!

On Thursday, we celebrated National Poetry Day. We read and listened to a variety of different poems and had a go at learning the poem 'Now We Are Six' by A.A Milne.

In Numeracy this week, we have been ordering and sequencing numbers, including the use of ordinal numbers: 1st, 2nd, 3rd. We have also started to use number lines to order numbers. Next week, we will begin our focus on addition. We will start by looking at pairs of numbers that make 5, 6, and 7.

In CCL, we have explored climate, landscape and features within specific areas of Brighouse and Australia, drawing comparisons with our own locality. Next week, we will be comparing holidays from the past to holidays now. Please see the History homework sheet that your child has in their Reading Packet. We would like them to talk to a Grandparent, Great-Grandparent or an elderly neighbour (if this is appropriate), to find out about their holidays when they were a child.

In Music lessons, we have been listening to and appraising a variety of hip hop music. We have also used the glockenspiels to play along to the music and have made our own compositions.

In RE, we have looked at different special books. We started by looking at the Christians' special book, The Holy Bible. Following that, we looked at the Qu'ran – the special book for Muslims. Some of the children in class were able to share with us their own experiences of being at a church or a mosque. They also talked about prayer at home. We then discussed other special books that we have at home and school. Stick man and The Gruffalo were particular favourites! RE lessons are great for helping us to understand one of our British Values 'Tolerance of Faiths and Beliefs'. At this age, we introduce this through RE and PSHCE lessons and talk about everyone being different but everyone being equal. We help the children to respect one another and understand why different things are important to different people. We appreciate that this may raise some 'big' questions at home e.g. "What do I believe?" "Do I have a religion to belong to?" We encourage you to talk about what is important to your family, for example: if you do belong to a faith, it helps your child to learn a bit about this from you. However, if you do not practise a religion, you can discuss what is important to you, such as: family bonds, traditions and values.

Important Dates for your Diaries:

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