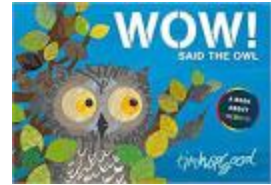


Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 8th November 2019

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 focused on subtraction. We started by counting objects and taking them away or crossing them out. Next week, we will continue with subtraction and begin to explore mental strategies.

We had a fantastic day on Thursday when we launched our new CCL topic – Day and Night. The children loved making animal masks and listening to stories whilst snuggling up in their pyjamas in a sleeping bag. During this topic we will be learning the following:

In Art, we'll be:

- Looking at how artists have tried to show day and night, light and dark, in their pictures and trying to do the same ourselves

In Geography, we'll be:

- Finding out why it's dark in one country and light in another at the same time
- Finding out about countries that have very long summer days and very long winter nights

In Science, we'll be finding out about:

- How light is reflected
- How light affects growing plants

During Music lessons this half term, we will be learning the songs and actions in preparation for our KS1 Christmas Concert. The Y2 children are the actors and Y1 form the choir. We hope that you will come and watch us! More details will be sent out soon.

In RE lessons this half term, we will consider the ways in which we celebrate special events and how different religions mark festival days. We will help to develop the children's understanding of celebrations, including religious festivals. It includes a study of Harvest festival, Eid ul Fitr, Sukkot and Diwali. We will finish with our own celebration which the children will help to plan.

In Computing lessons, we will be working with the app 'ChatterpixKids' to create our own owl animations. This is a free app that you could download and try at home, if you have access to a tablet or smartphone.

Please can we remind you about the Year 1 Phonics information meeting for parents which is on Thursday 14th 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 2020.

Finally, we are delighted to announce that our profit for the Ice lollies enterprise project was £200. We have agreed as a year group to purchase a selection of new books to enhance our reading areas. We are all very excited!

Important Dates for your Diaries:

Wednesday 13th November – Anti-bullying week – Odd Socks Day. We are inviting the children to wear odd socks for the day to celebrate individual differences!

Thursday 14th November – individual school photos (see main school newsletter for more information)

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

Friday 15th November – flu immunisations

Next Open Door session: **Monday 25th November** 2.40-3.00pm.

Friday 29th November – 1V Friday Bake

Friday 6th December – 1E Friday Bake

Tuesday 3rd December 4-6pm – Christmas Fayre – please donate new boxes/bars/packets of chocolates for our chocolate tombola – these can be brought into school anytime between now and the fayre

Monday 9th December 2.15pm - KS1 Concert – Parents with pre-school children & nurseries

Tuesday 10th December 9.15am - KS1 Concert for parents

Wednesday 11th December 2.15pm – KS1 Concert for parents

Friday 13th December – pantomime in school (Jack and the Beanstalk)

Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Party – children to come to school in non-uniform/party clothes

Thursday 19th December am – Woodhouse Christmas Carol Service at St. John's Church (pupils and staff only due to church capacity)

Friday 19th December – Christmas Jumper Day – all children may wear a festive jumper or a jumper of their choice. Donations of £1 will go to charity.

Friday 19th December 3.10pm – school closes for Christmas holiday

Many Thanks
Year One team