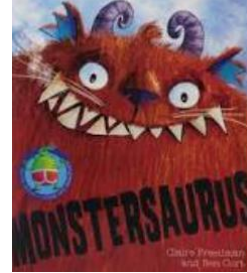


Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 2nd October 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

In English, the children have written postcards to Paddington Bear about themselves. We focused on using capital letters and full-stops accurately. Next week, we will be reading the book 'Monstersaurus' by Claire Freedman. We will make predictions, sequence the events and describe the characters. In phonics, we have recapped the igh (night), oa (coat) and oi (coins) sounds. Please keep practising these sounds at home to help your child when reading and spelling words containing these sounds.



During Maths lessons this week, we have been finding one more and one less than a number and showing this in lots of different ways. We have also started to compare numbers using the language of fewer than, greater than and equal to. Next week, we will continue with this and introduce the inequality symbols (e.g. $4 > 1$ or $7 < 9$).



Art has been the focus of CCL this week. We have identified Primary colours (red, yellow, blue) and began to explore what happens when you mix these together. Next week, we will be looking at the artist Georges Seurat who used a technique called Pointillism (lots of small dots to create a picture). The children will use this technique to create a dotty ice cream painting using cotton buds, lollipop sticks, pieces of dowel and their fingers.

In Computing, we have learnt how to search for different activities on Purple Mash. We all found 2Paint, created a picture and saved our own work. We were very impressed with the children's determination to complete this activity independently. Next week, we will be discussing online safety and how we can keep ourselves safe when using the internet.

As part of our approach to inspire a love of reading, 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 look forward to speaking to you all on the phone for the Parent Consultations on Wednesday 7th October.

Many Thanks

Miss Vine and Miss Hepworth