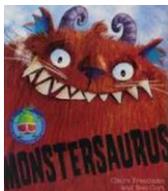


## Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

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 Maths 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: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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. 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 RESPECT 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.

On Tuesday, we had our Harvest Assembly. As a school, we are going to be supporting the local charity 'Smart Move' which helps homeless and vulnerable people to get back onto their feet. If you could help us, please could you send in any of the following items before Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October: household cleaning products, hand sanitizer, antibacterial wipes, shampoo/conditioner, toothbrush/paste, bodywash, deodorants and pot noodles.



Finally, thank you to all the parents who we were able to speak to during the Parent Teacher Consultations; It was lovely to meet you all. As discussed during your phone call, we have attached a copy of the number and letter formation expectations to each child's home learning folder to ensure these are being formed correctly at all times.

Many Thanks

Miss Vine and Miss Hepworth