

Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 6th November 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

Firstly, we would like to say how proud we are of all of the children in Year 1 and the way that they have worked over their most recent period of home learning. The work we received by email was of a high quality and that is credit to both the children and the support they received.

During English lessons this week, we have been writing about Quorb and the mischief he has been getting up to. Next week, we will be reading the story 'Wow! said the Owl' by Tim Hopgood. We will explore this story with some outdoor learning as we take our class owls around the school playground to see what different things they can see.

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**.*

In Maths, we have been locating and comparing digits on a number line. Next week, we will be introducing the 'Part Whole Model' to partition (split up) numbers in different ways. Using counters, we will be challenging the children to find a missing part and complete a number sentence to show this.

Geography has been the focus of our CCL this week. We have explored climate, landscape and features within specific areas of Brighthouse and Australia, drawing comparisons with our own locality. Next week, we will be comparing holidays from the past to holidays now.

To support this year's Children in Need, we will be holding a raffle in the Year one classrooms. The tickets will cost 50p each with no limit to how many can be purchased. Please send your child with the correct amount of money. The draw will take place on Friday 13th November.

Poppies will also be available with a suggested minimum donation of 20p.

Many Thanks

Miss Vine and Miss Hepworth