

Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 19th November 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

In English, we have continued with our 'Wow! Said the Owl' stories. As a class, we wrote our own version of the story during which, we tried to think of appropriate adjectives to use to describe the things that the owl saw. Next week, we will be exploring farm settings in books and through small world toys so that we can then write a story about the owl visiting a farm.

During Phonics this week, we have started to introduce the alternative spelling patterns for the 'ee' phoneme (green, sea, key, mummy, theme, field). This will continue into next week as there are so many different alternatives that we like to introduce them gradually.

In Maths, we have looked at different ways to partition numbers e.g. $9=4+5$, $9=6+3$ or $3+6=9$, $5+4=9$. We have also been learning the pairs to 10 and looking at different ways we can represent this using numicon, ten frames and the part whole model. Please encourage your child to practise these so that they can instantly say what two numbers make 10 when added together e.g. $1+9=10$, $2+8=10$, $3+7=10$. On Monday, we will begin a unit on subtraction.

Next week, we will begin our new 'Day and Night' topic. Within this topic, we will learn about:

- Nocturnal animals in Science
- Day and night around the world in Geography
- The artwork of Vincent Van Gogh



On Thursday 26th November, we will be launching our 'Day and Night' topic. On the day, children will need to come in normal uniform but we invite them to bring their pyjamas to change into at school. During the course of the day, we will discuss examples of light sources, as well as reflecting upon ways in which light is used as a symbol within many faiths. We will also begin our learning about nocturnal and diurnal animals.

Important dates:

Monday 14th December – Y1 Christmas Party

Friday 18th December – Christmas Jumper/Wear something sparkly day (donations for Save the Children)

Many Thanks
Miss Vine and Miss Hepworth