

Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 1st October 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

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.

In RESPECT lessons the school council has been the focus. All children have been keen to find out about what it means to be a school councillor and learn about the different jobs they do around school. From each class, 6 boys and 6 girls have put themselves forward to stand in the election. On Tuesday 5th October, each class will go to the Woodhouse ballot station and anonymously vote for their winning candidates. Good luck to all the children standing in the election!



We really appreciate your support with helping your child to read. In Year 1, we recommend that your child reads with you every day in order to help them make good progress in their reading. Please don't feel that you have to initial the Reading Diary every day as you may want to keep the book to re-read. It is extremely beneficial for children to re-read books so that they can read them fluently (without having to sound out every word). This also enables them to understand the book better and answer questions about it. Recently, we have regrouped the books by phonic stages rather than the Oxford Reading Tree levels and as a result this may mean your child is reading books from a variety of stages. By making this change, it will ensure all children are receiving a book matched to their current phonics stage. This may include re-reading books that the children read in reception. It is vital that the book your child is bringing home can be read without any prompting from adults. All children should be able to use their phonic skills to decode and blend all words in their book, with the exception of common exception words (such as: the, to, no, go, into, said) which need to be learnt by sight as they cannot be sounded out.

Finally, we would like to invite you to our first Open Door. Due to the current circumstances, we can only extend this invite to one adult per child. Unfortunately this also means no younger siblings or prams. **1V's open door will be on Wednesday 13th October and 1H will have theirs on Thursday 14th October.** Both sessions will **start at 10:30 and finish at 11:00.** We look forward to meeting you all.

Many Thanks
Miss Vine and Miss Hepworth