

Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 8th October 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

In phonics, we have recapped the long oo (moon), short oo (book) and ar (park) sounds. Please keep practising these sounds at home to help your child when reading and spelling words containing these sounds.

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: 1st, 2nd, 3rd.



We have finished off the Art element of our CCL this week. Looking at the artwork of Georges Seurat, the children have become art appraisers. After looking carefully at his work, they were keen to identify what they liked about his paintings and discuss how his technique of pointillism has been used throughout. The children then created their own 'dotty' inspired ice-cream paintings using this technique – we were very impressed! Next week, will be a Geography focus. Using atlases, globes and Google Earth (on the iPads), we will be exploring climate, landscape and features within specific areas of Brighouse and Australia, drawing comparisons with our own locality.

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 practice a religion, you can discuss what is important to you, such as: family bonds, traditions and values.

We have been informed that a few school jumpers and cardigans have gone missing. Please could you check your child's uniform to make sure it belongs to them and not anyone else. Also, please remember to name all uniform, including PE and swimming kits.

Finally, we would like to remind you about our first Open Door which is happening next week. Due to the current circumstances, we can only extend this invitation 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