

Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 3rd December 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

Firstly, thank you to all the parents who attended the Year 1 Phonics Evening. We hope it provided you with an insight into how we are teaching reading and phonics in school. If you would like to find out more about Little Wandle Letters and Sounds revised please visit the parents section on their website (<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/>).



During English lessons this week, we have written stories based on the book "Wow! said the Owl" by Tim Hopgood. We were very impressed with the children's ability to write independently. Next week, we will be writing sentences about our 'Elf on the Shelf' and the things he has been doing in the classroom.

In Phonics, our sounds this week have been 'a' as in acorn, 'e' as in ever, 'i' as in ind and 'o' as in oth. Our tricky words for the week have been: Mr, Mrs, Ms and ask. These are the words the children need to be able to sight read.

In Maths, we have continued with subtraction and began to explore mental strategies. We have also encouraged the use of jottings to check our answers. Next week, we will be subtracting using a number line.

Art has been the focus of our CCL learning. Using tissue paper, ribbon, card and coloured paper we have been creating hedgehog collages. We have explored different techniques such as, ripping, scrunching, twisting and cutting.

In Science, we have been classifying animals. Using toy animals, we sorted them into mammals, birds, fish, amphibians and reptiles. Next week, we are going to explore this further by looking at the key features of each group.



In preparation for our Overgate Hospice reindeer run, we met with our Year 5 buddies for a jog on the running track. On Monday, all children will be taking part in this event so please ensure your child has outdoor PE kit in school on this day. The children will be given a pair of antlers and a nose to wear and each class will aim to run the equivalent of a marathon between them! If you would like to donate please visit the link below but please note, there is no obligation to do so.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/woodhouse-primary-school-brighthouse>

Important dates:

Monday 6th December – Reindeer run for Overgate Hospice

Monday 13th December – Y1 Christmas Party

Friday 17th December – Christmas Jumper/Wear something sparkly day (donations for Save the Children)

Many Thanks

Miss Vine and Miss Hepworth