

Year 1 Newsletter 10.10.25



The children have been busy once again over the last two weeks. We were incredibly proud of each and every one of them as they took part in their first KS1 assembly this week. Standing up and singing in front of so many people can be very daunting, but we have no doubt you will agree that the children did brilliantly. Many thanks for all the donations of food which were gratefully received by the food bank.

Curriculum

We have been busy with our Design Technology project on 'Wheels and Axles'. The children looked at a variety of wheeled objects and discussed the importance of having effective wheels. They had the chance to make their own wheels and develop their cutting skills by using 'Fishy Nibbles' to make small snips and 'Shark bites' to make longer, straight cuts. We have explored how to make our wheels sturdier and move with ease. This will all help us with designing and building our own pull along toys, which we are looking forward to over the next two weeks.



In maths we have been learning how to add and subtract numbers to 10 and how to record this as a number sentence. The children have used tens frames, Numicon and numberlines to support their learning and we have been impressed with the presentation in their maths books, remembering to put one digit or mathematical symbol in each square. We have also explored 2D shape and we really enjoyed some outdoor learning, making pictures with sticks and identifying the 2D shapes we could see.

We have continued to immerse ourselves in our story, 'Lost in The Toy Museum' and the children are now confident when using the text map to re-tell the story. We have practised writing sentences from the story and now feel very prepared to write it next week! We can't wait to read them.



Our History topic, 'Toys' was brought to life as we explored some real toys from the past. We enjoyed playing with a Victorian spinning top, a pop gun, Jacob's Ladder and a Flick Book. We also looked at old teddy bears and puppets. It was interesting to compare the old toys to toys we have today. We noticed that none of them light up or make noise like many of our toys do. We enjoyed discussing which toys we preferred and giving our reasons why.

In PSHE, we continue to develop the children's ability to communicate and manage their emotions through our 'Fun Friends' unit. We learnt the difference between thoughts and feelings, with thoughts being in our head, feelings in our body. We also explored **RED** and **GREEN** thoughts. RED thoughts are unhelpful and make you STOP e.g. "I can't do this" whereas GREEN thoughts make you GO e.g. "I can try my best". Being able to identify red and green thoughts is a useful skill and something you can practise with your children at home.

Spellings



Many of the children have already had a go on Edshed at home but if you have not given this a try yet you will find your child's log in details on the front cover of their home-school reading record. Once logged-on, the children can play games which help them practise their spellings for the week. Spelling words correctly earns them honey pots which they can use to change the look of their avatar. These games are a fun way to practice using their focus sounds in words.

Pirate Day—Friday 24th October

To end our half term in style and help us build excitement for our next topic 'Welcome to Pirate Island', we would like to invite the children to join us for a day of swashbuckling fun. They can come dressed as a pirate and throughout the day will take part in pirate related challenges and activities. Please note there is no need to buy a costume, we love seeing the children's home-made costumes!



Church Trip

Thank you so much to all the parents/carers who have volunteered to help us on our trip on Tuesday. We now have enough volunteers. Please arrive at school just before 1pm as we aim to leave school at 1pm. We are excited to spot the features of a church that we have learned about.

Uniform

We have been so impressed with how well the children have done with getting changed for PE in year 1. Can we please ask that every item of clothing is named so it can easily be returned if it goes astray? Thank you!

Parent Consultations

A reminder that it is our parent consultations on Monday and Tuesday next week. We are really looking forward to meeting with you and discussing how your child has settled into year 1.

Important Dates

Tuesday 14th October—visit to St Mary's Church
Parent Consultations - Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th October 3:30pm-6:10pm
Wednesday 15th October - Deadline for Christmas Card orders.
Thursday 23rd October—PTA KS1 disco
Friday 24th October—Year 1 Pirate Day.
Friday 24th October—last day of term
Monday 3rd November—children return to school
Wednesday 10th December—Year 1 Christmas performance 2.15pm

Our Fabulous Pupils!

The children have all worked really hard over the last two weeks and are amazing us with their efforts every day.

Have a lovely weekend, The Year 1 Team.