

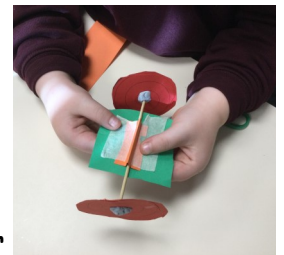
Year 1 Newsletter 24.10.25



We have reached the end of a busy but fabulous first half term in year 1 and we have no doubt the children are ready for a break. The children have done a great job of learning all their new routines and we are delighted with the progress they have made since the start of the term. We cannot wait to see what next term brings! It was a pleasure to share how well the children have settled in during our parent consultations last week. We hope you all have a restful half term holiday and look forward to seeing you on Monday 3rd November.

Curriculum

In DT we have learned that for our pull-along toy to be successful we needed strong, smooth wheels. We also discovered that if both the wheels and the axle were fixed it would not work. To overcome this problem we learned how to make an axle holder to ensure our wheels could turn. We then designed and created a monster character for our toy and learned how to use a flange joining technique to attach a cylinder shape onto a flat base. The children have so many new skills already, we hope to see some of them being used in their own independent crafts in the future.



We have continued learning about toys from the past in history over the last two weeks. We particularly enjoyed our playground games afternoon where the children learned and played some games that their parents and teachers played when they were young. This included conkers, clapping games, in and out the dusty bluebells, what's the time Mr Wolf, the human knot game, stuck in the mud, piggy in the middle and ring a ring o' roses. A huge thank you to the parents who were able to join us and teach the children a game from their childhood.



In PSHE we have been thinking about how to be a good friend. We sat in a circle and said the name of someone in our class that we liked and explained our reasons why - it felt lovely to give compliments to our friends. We then discussed different scenarios and how we could be a good friend in each of them. We finished our session with some 'pizza massage' which was really fun and made us all feel nice and relaxed.

We have been learning about different materials in science over the last two weeks and trying to understand the difference between an object and the material it is made from. We have played games of I-spy and material hunts to help us. We have explored the different materials used inside and outside school and looked for patterns in the materials which have been chosen.

Childhood Games

We all had a fun-filled afternoon learning how to play lots of different childhood games, from 'in and out the Dusty Bluebells' to 'What's the Time Mr Wolf'. A big thank you to those parents who came in to teach the children these fun games - you made it extra special and extra fun for all the children!

Church Trip

We had a lovely visit to St Mary's Church last week. The children enjoyed exploring the church to identify many of the features they had learned about in class. A huge thank you to all the parents who supported us on this trip—we could not do it without you!



PE

Next half term our PE days will be Tuesday and Thursday. The children have brought their PE kits home for washing. Please check that their kit still contains their full kit ready for next half term.

Reading

We are really pleased with the progress the children are making with their reading. This week we have been talking to the children about the importance of reading—why we learn to read, what we might need it for in the future and what we do in school to help us learn this important skill. In addition, we have reminded children of the importance of practising their reading at home too, even when they may not really want to, and the difference that reading their books at home will make. We explained how re-reading your book can help develop your 'reader's voice' and that, alongside school books, reading other books at home as well as listening to stories will all help on your reading journey.

Pirate Day

We had a brilliant day full of pirate fun today. The children really looked the part and enjoyed learning how to talk like a pirate, find out their pirate name and sing pirate songs. We designed our own pirate flags and maps and enjoyed a treasure hunt where we pieced together some jigsaw pieces which seemed to make some kind of text map. We are not completely sure what it means yet but there were lots of good suggestions. Maybe it will become clearer to us next half term...



Important Dates

Friday 24th October—last day of term

Monday 3rd November—children return to school

Friday 5th December—Christmas Fair

Wednesday 10th December—Year 1 Christmas performance 2.15pm

Our Fabulous Pupils!

We cannot quite believe we are already at the end of our first half term. The children have worked very hard and are definitely ready for a rest!

Have a lovely holiday, the Year 1 Team.



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