

Year 1 Newsletter 30.1.26

The children have all been working very hard in school over the last two weeks, particularly with our new routine of all completing a task at the same time in English and in maths. The children have coped brilliantly with this change and are showing just how well they can work independently when the adults are working with different groups. It has been lovely to see so many children putting their golden tickets in the box over the last two weeks for reading at home on three separate occasions. There is always great excitement when it is time to see which tickets are pulled out at the end of the week to decide who will be our new bosses. Children reading regularly at home really does make a huge difference to the progress they make in reading. Thank you for your continued support.



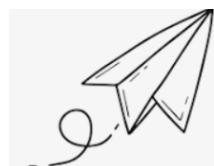
Book Look

On Monday 2nd February (9:10-9:40am) you are invited to spend a little time in school looking at your child's books with them. This is a fabulous opportunity for your child to share their learning and impress you with all their hard work since September. If you can, please also take the opportunity to look at our class floor books which document the learning in science, art, DT, history, geography, PSHE and RE. Due to space limitations we ask that only two adults per child attend but please be assured that if you or another family member are unable to attend, your child will have the chance to share their books with a member of the year 1 team instead. We look forward to seeing lots of you then!



Curriculum

Continuing with our theme of great explorers in history, we have learned about Amy Johnson, who was the first woman to fly solo from England to Australia. We found out about the challenges she faced because of her gender and the belief in gender roles at the time. We were very impressed that she never gave up on her dreams, no matter what other people thought or said.



Our science this half term links to the explorers we are learning about in history. This week, inspired by Amy Johnson, we made our own paper aeroplanes of different sizes and explored whether the size of the aeroplane made a difference to how far it can fly. We tested all our planes and looked for patterns in our results.



In maths, we have explored balances to deepen our understanding when measuring the mass of an object. We carried out lots of practical investigations before doing some problem solving and reasoning activities to show how well we understood. We have also been exploring money and learning how to make a given amount. We set up a shop in our classroom to practise paying with different coins, and then challenged ourselves to find different ways of making the same amount.

In art we applied our shading skills to a drawing of an astronaut, the final results really were fabulous. We then followed a step by step guide to draw our own astronaut. They were all different and all brilliant! They will be added to our finished space pictures next week. Look out for them in our floor books when you come to the book look.

Socks

As our PE lessons involve changing shoes and sometimes tights, it would be really helpful if all children could keep an extra pair of socks in their bags. This makes getting ready much easier and keeps everyone comfortable during and after lessons. If anyone has any spare socks at home that they'd be happy to donate to our 'spare PE kit box', they would be very welcome.



Dates for your Diary

Year 1 Book Look— Monday 2nd February 9.10-9.40am

Year 1 trip to the Centre for Life Tuesday 3rd February

Parent consultations - Monday 9th February & Tuesday 10th February 3:30-6:30pm

Magical Mischief Day! - Friday 13th February See whole school email sent on the 16th January for full details.

End of term - Friday 13th February



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