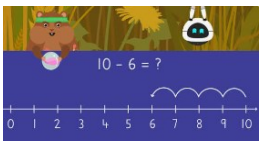
Year 1 Newsletter 9.10.26

Over the last two weeks the children have been busy learning some fabulous harvest songs and we are excited to perform these for you in our KS1 harvest assembly. We will be performing them for Year 2 parents/carers next Thursday 15th October and for Year 1 parents/ carers on Friday 16th October, we hope to see you there!

Curriculum



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 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 cannot 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 wooden cup and ball, whip and top and doll's crib. We also looked at old teddy bears, string puppets and a steam tractor. 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 linked our materials knowledge from science to these toys and thought about which materials were most used in the past and today.

In PSHE, we continue to develop the children's ability to communicate and manage their emotions through our 'Fun Friends' unit. We learned the difference between thoughts and feelings, with thoughts being in our head and 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.

Playground Games Tuesday 20th October—can you help us?

As part of our history topic on toys from the past we would like to explore playground games that might have been played by parents and grandparents when they were young. If you have fond memories of a game you enjoyed as a child that you would be happy to teach to groups of Year 1 children then please let a member of the year 1 team know. We will be running this session on the afternoon of Tuesday 20th October and are looking for volunteers who would be happy to teach a game.

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 practise using their focus sounds in words.

Pirate Day—Thursday 22nd 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 Monday. Please arrive at school just before 1pm and report to the school office. We aim to leave school at 1pm and walk to St. Mary's church, leaving the church at 2:30pm to return to school. We are excited to spot the features of a church that we have learned about.

Uniform

If you are missing any jumpers or cardigans we have several unnamed ones in our lost property. Please talk to a member of the Year 1 team about having a look.

Parent Consultations

A reminder that it is our parent consultations on Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th October. We are really looking forward to meeting with you and discussing how your child has settled into year 1.

Important Dates

Monday 12th October—visit to St Mary's Church
Friday 16th October—Year 1 Harvest Assembly 2:45pm
Parent Consultations - Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th October 3:30pm-6:30pm

Thursday 22nd October—PTA KS1 silent disco

Thursday 22nd October—Year 1 Pirate Day.
Thursday 22nd October—last day of term
Tuesday 3rd November—children return to school
Thursday 10th December 2.30pm—Christmas Assembly

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.