

Year 1 Newsletter 01.07.22

The children have been very busy over the last two weeks. We had a fabulous afternoon for our Sport's Day last week. Despite the unexpected showers, it was brilliant to hear the children cheering each other on as they took part in running, egg and spoon and sack races, as well as beanbag, javelin throwing and obstacle course. It was so lovely to finally have parents back at our sports day and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.



Transition

Next week the children will have the opportunity to meet their Year 2 teacher. On Tuesday their new teacher will come to visit them in their current classroom so that they are in a familiar environment. Then on Wednesday they will go to their new classroom to spend the day there. They should be dropped off and picked up as usual from the Year 1 door.

Curriculum

In geography this half term we are exploring the question 'Why do people love the seaside so much?' We are linking this with our own experiences of being beside the sea and learning new vocabulary such as 'urban', 'rural' and 'coastal' to help us describe different areas.

Our vegetables are growing well and this week we harvested the lettuce and radishes. We all had the opportunity to taste them during snack time and the children were particularly keen to try something they had grown themselves. The children are continuing to care for our other vegetables, ensuring they are watered well during the warm weather.



In PSHE we have been learning about the changes that have happened to us since we were babies. We have thought carefully about what we can do now that we could not do when we were younger and the children particularly enjoyed playing 'guess the teacher' by looking at baby pictures and trying to match each picture to the Year 1 adults.

STEM Week

We had a fabulous week learning about the 'Science of Sport' last week. We were all inspired by a visit from Nordic Skier Callum Deboys who shared his journey from losing his leg to competing in the paralympics. He really showed us how important it is to believe in ourselves and not give up, we learned some really important lessons. We also enjoyed our '1 minute buddy challenge'. Each day we teamed up with our Year 2 buddy to coach and support each other to work on a short circuit. The aim was to try and increase the number of complete circuits we could complete in 1 minute by helping each other to improve. It was great to watch the children work with someone new, develop their teamwork skills and have great fun all at the same time. During the week we learned about the importance of nutrition for athletes. We designed our own healthy snack, a fruit salad, and then used the cutting skills we learned earlier in the year to help us chop up all the different fruits. We particularly enjoyed eating it! We also looked at how sports clothes have changed over the years and were surprised to see how sportswomen used to dress over



100 years ago. We then thought about how people might dress for sport in the future and the children became designers as they drew clothes and shoes that might be used in 100 years. There were some very imaginative ideas! We also really enjoyed a virtual assembly from Becky at 'Tech she can'. Some of the technological advances in sport were hard to believe but gave the children a real insight into the sort of jobs that could be available to

Reminder

Please can we ask that the children bring water in their water bottles rather than juice. As well as being better for their teeth, water is significantly easier for us to clean up if there is a spill in the classroom. Thank you for your support.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 12th July 5pm — 'Meet the Teacher'. An opportunity to find out more about Year 2.