

Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 12th January 2018

We have had a very busy week in Year 1 exploring new learning opportunities.

In English, we have introduced the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. We have used picture cards to sequence the story writing a key sentence underneath describing the specific part. We have discussed key features of the story such as character language "FE FI FO FUM!" and punctuation such as full stops, capital letters and finger spaces. As part of their extended learning this week children have been able to role play the story using character faces and puppets. This has enhanced their understanding of the story.

In Maths we have been working with numbers up to 100 focusing on counting forwards and backwards and recognising missing numbers. This number knowledge has helped us solve reasoning questions such as "Katie is counting from 0 to 20, she will say 18 is she correct?". The children have sung several number songs this week which they have enjoyed, if you wish to use these at home here are the links:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0TgLfF3PMOc>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=amxVL9KUmq8>

This week in Phonics, we have learnt the new sound ay and explored the sounds alternative spelling of ai.

In Topic, we have continued our Asia topic by exploring the question 'How big is Asia?'. Children have been able to discuss what life is like in different parts of Asia. In Science the children have created a weekly weather report. They were able to record the weather either by drawing, writing or creating a video weather report.

How can you help at home?

We would like some pictures of your child reading in a bizarre place such as under a table. We have had some great ones so far! As we are covering traditional tales this term, we are encouraging the children to take on a story-teller role. Whilst at home encourage your child to tell you a story, whether it be an imagined story or one they know. This will develop their speaking and listening skills which is an important part of English in Year 1.

This week's home learning is:

Spelling's this week will include words using our sounds learnt during phonics this week:

Stay, cloud, proud, play, display

Mrs. Visram's group: they, said, where, there, then.

Maths: Number recognition game.

Important dates:

Wednesday 31st January 2018: Phonics Workshop

Thought of the week:

"Why fit in when you were born to stand out"
Dr. Seuss

This week's star of the week is:

Savannah: For challenging herself during learning
Olly: For developing a positive attitude towards learning

Congratulations!