

Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 26th January 2018

What a great week have had in Year 1!

In English we have begun to explore the Chinese tale of The Great Race. This story explains the tradition of Chinese New Year exploring the story of the Animal Race. Children explored the characters by using role play to act out the story. We have discussed ordinal language and used this to order the animals from 1st to 12th. We have discussed our own opinions and others around us describing what we liked and disliked about the story.

In Maths, we have continued addition and subtraction, focusing on subtraction this week. We have discussed the meaning of the symbol – and learnt new vocabulary such as minus, take away and subtract. We have used this to solve simple number and word problems using manipulatives and a number line to help us.

In Topic, we have discussed transport and weather in different parts of Asia and compared these to the UK. As part of DT, we have created houses using different materials and tested these in wet conditions to see if they could withstand a flood. Children discussed which material would be best in wet weather and explored why some houses in parts of Asia are not weather suited.

In Phonics, we have learnt the alternative spelling to the sound oi. The new sounds we have learnt this week are au and aw. Children have completed reading, listening and writing tasks in order to embed the new sounds learnt.

How can you help at home?

Continue to read with your child and record when they have finished a book. Once finished, ask them questions regarding the story. Such as:

Q: Who was your favourite character, why?

Q: What part did you like the most?

Q: Where was the story set?

This will build their comprehension skills to help deepen their understanding of the story.

This week's home learning is:

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

coin, saw, enjoy, haunt, launch

Mrs. Visram's group:

why, who, said, they, the

Maths: Subtraction worksheet

Important dates:

Wednesday 31st January 2018: Chinese New Year Workshop

Monday 5th February 2018: Jaws and Claws

Thursday 8th February: End of term

Thought of the week:

"It's kind of fun to do the impossible"

Walt Disney

This week's star of the week is:

Enterprise: Presley - For trying hard with all aspects of learning.

Jubilee: Mia – For settling in to her new class and always trying her best.

Congratulations!