

Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 2nd February 2018

First of all a big thank you to all of the parents and children who attended our Chinese workshop. The children held a fantastic performance and had a lot of fun doing so.

In English we have developed our understanding of 'The Great Race'. Children were able to hot seat the characters from the story creating questions to ask. We discussed the use of a question mark at the end of a sentence when asking a question. We have created a whole class story map to help us retell the story in our books. We have used key vocabulary such as 'once there was' and 'in the end'. In their writing the children have used punctuation, adjectives and conjunctions to join two sentences together.

In Maths we have been developing our knowledge of using subtraction, children have used manipulatives such as number lines, cubes and numicon to help them solve simple problems such as: $10 - 5 = ?$. The children were encouraged to solve these problems independently.

In Phonics, we have learnt the new sounds: ue, ew, and the split digraph u_e. We have discussed the use of these sounds in words and how in some words the pronunciation is different.

In Topic, we have created the animals from 'The Great Race' using different materials and techniques such as painting and cutting.

The Jungle Gym has been open this week, which has given the children a good chance to explore the beams and develop their physical skills.

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:

glue, pew, chew, clue, cube

Mrs. Visram's group:

here, come, some, your, you

Maths: Subtraction worksheet

Important dates:

Monday 5th February 2018: Jaws and Claws

Thursday 8th February: End of term

Monday 19th February 2018: New term starts

Thursday 22nd February 2018: Parents evening

Thought of the week:

"First, think. Second, dream. Third, believe.
Finally, dare.

Walt Disney

This week's star of the week is:

Enterprise: Alex – For developing a positive attitude towards learning

Jubilee: Ethan P – For improving the presentation in his work

Congratulations!