

# Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Well done to everyone who dressed up for World Book Day yesterday. We saw some wonderful costumes and took part in some great activities including writing, reading and created 3D characters. Stay tuned to see our wonderful 3D display using our creations from yesterday.

In other news....

This week in English, the children have been reading the book *Whatever Next?* by Jill Murphy. We have focused on retelling the story this week using drama, role play and writing. The children have enjoyed taking on the role of characters from the book such as Baby Bear and Mummy Bear.

In Maths, we have been exploring the use of length by measuring the footprints left by Mummy and Baby Bear. We have used standard and non-standard units such as rulers and cubes to measure different objects inside and outside of the classroom.

In Topic we have explored the journey to space by looking at past and recent shuttle launches such as Apollo 11 and the International Space Station launch which involved Tim Peake. The children have discussed what it may be like during a space launch focusing on what they might see, hear and smell. The children wrote an extended descriptive piece of writing which described this journey into space.

In Phonics we have recapped the sound oa and looked at the new sounds oe and o\_e split digraph. We have also learnt an alternative pronunciation for the sound ow. The spellings this week will include words containing these different sounds.

### How can you help at home?

Please continue to read at home with your child remembering to sound out all of the sounds in the word. Continue to help your child recognise the tricky words in a book such as; the, then, there and was. This will help deepen their understanding of the word.

### This week's home learning is:

Spelling's:

home, remote, boat, toe, rainbow

Mrs. Visram's group:

where, there, house, people, some

Maths: Compare the length of objects around your house using the comparison sentence: The \_\_\_\_\_ is longer than \_\_\_\_\_.

Kind Request: Due to a few incidents regarding toys and key rings on bags being broken or lost, please may we ask that they are not bought into school unless requested by the teacher for show and tell. Thank you.

### Important dates:

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March – end of term

### Thought of the week:

"Don't just fly, soar"

Walt Disney

### This week's star of the week is:

Freya – for trying hard in phonics and using her sounds to develop her reading

Logan – for fantastic improvement in phonics

# Congratulations!

