

# Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018

What a busy week we have had in Year 1 exploring our environment and taking on new challenges.

In English we are enjoying learning about the book *Aliens Love Underpants*. The children role played specific parts of the story using rhyming language. From this we used descriptive words to describe the aliens such as *gigantic, stripy, colourful, wonderful*. The children created their own alien and used the adjective bank to help them describe their alien. We have learnt to use the suffix *est* this week in our English lessons by comparing the aliens in the book. We used language such as *biggest, smallest, skinniest*.

In Maths we have continued to use the suffix *est* to compare heights of objects. The children compared each other in height using cm rulers. We ordered the children from smallest to biggest using comparative language.

In Topic we have explored the question 'How do rockets work?'. We researched how rockets were launched into space and discussed what chemicals could be used. From this we tested different liquids and solids to see if would create a similar reaction. We trialed coke with mentos, white vinegar with bi-carbonate of soda and mouthwash with refreshers. We concluded that white vinegar and bi-carbonate of soda made the greatest reaction. From this the children made the outer shell of the rocket and launched them in the playground.

In Phonics this week we have learnt alternative pronunciations for the sound *ee* such as *ey, ea, e\_e* and *y*. The children have recognised these sounds in reading and writing as well as practicing these during handwriting.

### **How can you help at home?**

Continue to read with your child at home noticing the new sounds that we are learning. Remember to ask them questions about what they have read thinking about character, setting and plot.

### **Please remember**

The Jungle Gym is not to be used during drop off and pick up time. If you have any unwanted clothes or shoes, please remember we have Phil the Bag by the playground gates. If you have any concerns and the class teacher is not on the door during drop off please email us at:

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### **Home learning this week is:**

This week's spelling's are:

Money, sleepy, honey, theme, beep

Mrs. Visram's group:

there, here, were, said, they

Maths: Height worksheet

### **Important dates:**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018: Astrodome workshop.

### **Thought of the week**

"If you can dream it you can do it"

Walt Disney

This week's star of the week is:  
**Jessica G** – for practicing her cursive handwriting

# Congratulations!