

**Year R -**

This week in Reception we have started our exciting new topic of 'Space'.

We started our topic by telling our teachers all the things we already knew about Space. We then read the story 'Whatever Next' and talked about what we would pack in our rocket for our trip into outer space.

In Maths this week we have looked at the number 7 and the days of the week. We have also linked this to the story of 'The Hungry Caterpillar'.

In PE this week we started apparatus and had so much fun climbing and balancing on the equipment.

Some of the classes reading scores for the reading challenge were very poor this week please make sure you are reading at least 4 times with your child and writing it in your child's diary.

Many thanks

The Reception Team.

**Year 1 -**

This week in Year 1 we started our new topic of 'London'. We began by reading the story 'Katie in London' by James Mayhew. The children then wrote descriptive sentences using adjectives about the London landmarks Katie visited in the story. Next the children imagined that they were in the story and used the pronoun 'I' to write about the London landmarks they want to visit. We ended the week learning facts about London.

In Maths we have been learning about odd and even numbers. We then moved on to repeating patterns. The children learnt to recognise and create repeating patterns with objects, shapes and pictures.

On Monday, Year 1 pupils all enjoyed their first apparatus lesson in PE this year. The children were very well behaved and staff were impressed with the children's bravery and willingness to give it a go.

**Homework**

Please remember to read at least 4 times a week, with your child and please fill in your child's diary when they have read at home so they have a chance of winning the reading challenge.

Many thanks

The Year One team.

**Year 2 -**

This week in Maths we have been practising lots of our skills including number work, recognising coins and notes and 2D shapes. We have practised solving addition and subtraction calculations by drawing our own number line which has really helped us with bigger numbers. We have also recapped partitioning numbers to aid us when working with 2 two-digit numbers.

In English we have been working really hard on our comprehension skills. We have been reading a variety of texts, including fiction and non-fiction, and have been answering questions about what we

have read. We have also been learning skills such as underlining key words to support us when answering written comprehension questions.

In Art we have been experimenting with watercolours to create a calm sky background.

Congratulations to **Elder Class** who won the Reading Challenge this week. We hope you enjoy your treat!

### Homework

Reading is homework and the children should be reading to an adult at least 4 times a week, and reading diaries signed and dated. Please make sure that your child is doing this as it makes a considerable difference to their progress in reading, particularly if they talk and answer questions about what they have read.

**Spellings:** as explained in the letter stapled into book diaries, written below are the phoneme/graphemes that the children will be practising next week.

Please practise these at home too.

Alternative spellings of **oi** and **r** phonemes

e.g. **boil, coin, pointing, annoy**

**rabbit, carry, write, wreck**

**Tricky words** - many, laughed, because, different, thought, through, work, mouse