

Year R -

This week in Reception we have continued to learn about 'Space'. Through sharing information books and online resources, we have been learning facts about this fascinating topic. We have used our knowledge of shapes to construct rockets and tried hard to describe our models.

We are working hard to write letters correctly and if your child wants to bring in any handwriting which they have been practising at home, we would love to see it!

Have a wonderful Weekend,

The Reception Team

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.

Year 1 -

This week in Year 1 we have continued with our topic of London. We read the story 'The Queen's Hat' by Steve Antony. In the story the Queen goes out for a walk and her hat gets blown by the wind on to different London landmarks. The children acted out the story and then planned their own stories thinking of places in London where the Queen's hat might have landed. The children have also practised writing questions and using question marks. They have been thinking of questions they could ask the Queen! We have continued to learn facts about London.

In Maths the children have continued to learn about money, making different amounts using coins. This week they have added different amounts together and learnt about giving change. They are beginning to realise that adding up amounts and giving change is the same as doing an addition or subtraction calculation.

For example:  $5p + 8p = 13p$     $20p - 13p = 7p$

The children all had a music lesson on Tuesday learning London Nursery Rhymes.

In Geography as well as learning about London the children have learned about the different countries of the UK

**N.B.**

**Please note we would love to make models of London landmarks with the children using recycled materials. Please can you save any boxes, cereal boxes, tubes yoghurt, pots, etc. and bring them into school so the children can get creative over the next few weeks.**

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Many thanks

The Year One team.

## Year 2 -

In Maths this week we have been learning about patterns, position and direction.

We've identified and made patterns in different shapes and colours, and looked at grids and identified exact positions of objects/ animals etc. using coordinates. We've also learnt about right and left, and above and below.

In English/History we have learnt about *Mary Seacole*, a famous nurse from the past who helped soldiers in the *Crimean War*. We've looked in books and on the internet to find information about her.

We've answered questions and written an information text, trying hard to include capital letters, full stops, conjunctions, noun phrases and verbs in the correct tense.

Congratulations to Elder and Poplar who won the Reading Homework Challenge. We hope that they enjoy their special reward. Well done to all those children in Year 2 who did their homework.

### **Homework**

Reading is homework and the children should be reading to an adult at least 4/5 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:** Written below are the phonemes/graphemes/words that the children will be practising next week. Please practise these at home too.

Alternative spellings for the ar phoneme

E.g. farm, bark

calm, half

rather, after

last, fast

Alternative spellings for the s phoneme

E.g. hiss, miss

ice, scent,

nose, rose

slip, snake