

Reception

This week we have had a very busy week! We have continued our topic of Dinosaurs by learning facts about two different dinosaurs. We have also looked at what dinosaurs eat and sorted them into carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

This week it has also been World Book Day so we had a book quiz assembly and have talked and written about our favourite books, as well as lots of other fun book activities.

On Friday we all came in wonderful book character costumes and read with some Year 6 children.

In Maths this week we have looked at problem solving and subtraction.

In Art we have created our own dinosaurs.

Homework is reading and phonics at least four times a week.

Year 1

This week Year 1 have enjoyed book week and all the wonderful activities that come with it. In English we focused on the author Julia Donaldson. Each day we focused on a different book and the children created some beautiful pieces of work.

In Science the children learnt about the animal group 'fish'. We looked at the features of fish and the children were able to write down fantastic facts that they were able to remember. The children enjoyed learning about the types of fish we have in the rivers and lakes in our own country, and fish in other locations of the world.

In Maths this week we have been recapping addition and subtraction number sentences. The children were exposed to a new skill where they were able to convert an addition number sentence into a subtraction one and vice versa.

Year 1 staff would just like to say that we were so impressed with all the beautiful World Book Day costumes, it made the day extra special to see so many children dressed up as their favourite book character.

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 2

In Maths this week we have been practising adding 2 digit numbers together e.g.  $23 + 52$ . We started off by adding multiples of 10 to a 2-digit number (10, 20, 30, 40...). We used different strategies to help us solve the calculations including partitioning, a 100 square and drawing a number line. We will continue practising these strategies next week with a focus on subtracting from 2 digit numbers.

In English this week we have started our topic of Responsibility. As a class we discussed what it means to be responsible and what responsibilities children may have at home or around the classroom e.g. tidying their bedroom! We were given an egg to share with a partner and we were responsible for it. First we wrote about why we were given an egg and how we decorated it and then we tried to improve it the following day by carefully checking our punctuation and spelling.

In Science we are continuing to learn about plants. We learnt about what plants we eat e.g. vegetables and fruit, and how it gets from the farm to our forks to eat.

Thank you to all adults who joined in with Book Week, whether it was coming to hear the children read on Monday or helping them with their book character costume, it is much appreciated.

Congratulations to Oak 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. 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.

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 **ur** phoneme (sound)

e.g. hurt    burn    turning  
first    bird    dirt  
word    work    worth  
earth