

Weekly Newsletter

Another busy week -the time seems to be flying by and we are now nearly at the end of the first half term. Your children have once again worked very hard this week.

It seems a bit early to be thinking about Christmas but your child designed a festive picture in school this week - it was sent home on Tuesday along with an order form if you wish to purchase any items.

Please send this back to school by Monday.

The children have really enjoyed our 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers' topic - this week we have been discussing the different features of a cat. The children had to draw each feature in detail and talk about why cats need their whiskers and claws etc. The children are continuing to embrace our Spanish sessions and we were able to show off our skills in achievement assembly last Friday as it was the turn of Year 1 and 2 to be hosting to the rest of the school via Microsoft Teams! All the children sat beautifully and did a great job!

Reading:

Thank you for supporting your child with their reading at home. I have been listening to the children read this week from their 'home' books and have been really pleased with the progress that they have made in such a short space of time. Home reading is in addition to the follow on phonic reading that takes place in school during the week. I am continuing to reward the children with stickers every Friday as a motivation - this is working well and most children are reading at least three times a week with you at home.

English: 'Where the Wild Things Are'

Year 1: The children have been focusing on their handwriting and letter formation and are making huge improvements with this. They also wrote about their previously designed 'Wild Thing' giving it a chosen special power and a favourite meal to enjoy!

Year 2: This week we have learnt about how a story develops from the beginning, building the excitement for the climax and an ending using a story mountain. The children used the story mountain to write up 'Where the Wild Things Are' using noun phrases from their previous learning. They have also planned their own version of their story ready to write next week.

Maths:

Year one: The children have focused this week on number bonds to ten where they used a range of manipulatives and pictures to write addition sentence including the commutative. We have use our problem solving skills to work systematically to find all of the number bonds to ten.

In Year 2, the children have been solving addition and subtraction problems using the signs $<$ $>$ and $=$ correctly. They have also been looking at the relationship between ones and tens for example: $8-2= 6$ therefore $80-20=60$.

Phonic Screening:

As previously mentioned, our Year 2 children are yet to be screened for their phonic knowledge. This should have taken place in June. The government now require us to screen all Year 2 children during the month of November. There is a short information video about the process that you might find useful if you click [here](#).

Year 1 children will be screened in June 2021 as normal (hopefully!)

Reminders:

P.E. days are Thursday and Friday for this half term. I will let you know if this changes. (Warm kit is essential as the children are outside at playtime and lunchtimes)

Please return all Christmas card orders using the order form that was sent home by **Monday 19th October**.

I look forward to speaking to you next week about your children!

Mrs Gilbey