

## KSI: Fir and Oak – Weekly Newsletter



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We have had another busy week of learning. The children have all worked very hard and produced some lovely work. We were particularly impressed with their Talk for Writing hot writes this week, which were fabulous. The children showed great effort and enthusiasm, and it has been wonderful to see their confidence growing.

On Monday, the children enjoyed a visit from Harold the Giraffe from SCARF, the Life Education team. We learned about eating healthy foods, how our food is digested, and the importance of taking care of our friends.

### In English:

We have finished our Talk for Writing unit, *Kassim and the Greedy Dragon*, which focused on writing a suspense story. This week, we invented our own class story by changing the character, setting, and danger.

The children have produced some fantastic creative writing, using suspense effectively and leaving the reader wondering what might happen next. We are extremely proud of their achievements and the effort they have put into their work.

### In Topic:

- **Science** – In science, we looked at the properties of Paper, looking at strength, textures and absorbency.
- **Art**–This term, our Creative Arts topic is *Flowers*. This week, we explored the colours and forms of a variety of flowers.
- The children really enjoyed creating flowers using playdough and using painting techniques to produce a range of different flower designs. They showed great creativity and enthusiasm throughout the lessons.
- **Computing** – We continued looking at games and creating our own.
- **RE** –We have been learning about Judaism and what Jewish people learn about their beliefs and how they express them?
- **Music** – We are exploring the beats we hear in music by listening carefully and tapping them out.
- **Geography**: We have continued learning about the coast, focusing on Whitby and the human-made features found there. A few of the children who have visited were able to confidently talk about the features they recognised, as well as the very famous natural inhabitants – the chip-stealing seagulls!

### In Maths:

Year 1 Addition and Subtraction

This week, we have been learning to add numbers up to 20 by putting the larger number in our head and counting on. We also practised using our number bonds to 20 to help us add more efficiently and check our answers.

Year 2 – Multiplication and addition

This week we have started our new topic by looking at making equal groups.

### Important Messages/Dates:

Thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

