

## Year 1/2 News

05/07/24



### **This week we have ...**

- ...focused our English writing around the story 'The Day the Crayons Quit!' and now our glue sticks and scissors are on strike!
- ...continued working our socks off with our PowerPoint presentations about China (the children are becoming experts at this!)
- In art we have continued to look at line patterns in preparation for our monoprint!
- ... explored different food chains within habitats identifying the producers and consumers.

Another busy but brilliant week of learning!  
Miss Brown, Mrs Gerry, & Mrs Hayman -Curtis

### **Word of the Day**

Each day in class, we focus on one 'Word of the Day'. These words are chosen in order to support children developing a wider vocabulary, help them access a text being used in reading lessons and encourage adventurous word choice when writing.

Next week, year 1/2 will be focusing on the following words:

**quest haul bounty critters amassed crustaceans dugong flotsam + jetsam  
gripe feisty befriended contentment**

Perhaps your child will use some of these in conversations at home!

## **HOME LEARNING**

**Reading** - Our school approach to reading in KS1 is that the children receive 30 minutes of daily direct phonics teaching. In addition to this a whole class taught reading session focusing on reading skills (retrieval, summarising, inferencing, predicting and decoding). On a Friday we will now be doing guided reading sessions where we will aim to read with most children 1:1 and check their reading records.

**Maths** - **Year 1** – We have started to explore position and direction using the vocabulary: up, down, left, right, forwards and backwards and have started to use this knowledge to solve problems.

**Year 2** – We have continued to look at measurement exploring and measuring capacity and volume. We have investigated the capacity of different containers using water as well as demonstrating our understanding of how to read the volume of different containers. Can the children find different items around the house to: weigh in grams with scales, measure length and height of objects in centimetres and compare capacities of different containers, pots and cups etc in millilitres and litres.

**Extra challenge!** We are beginning our history learning next week. We are going to be looking at significant women in History who have changed our world! Could the children start exploring some names of women who have had a significant impact on our history and why. e.g. Marie Curie, Amelia Earhart

### **PHONICS FOCUS:**

**Year 1:** This week we have continued learning the alternative spellings of 'l': l (leg), ll (fell), le (apple), al (petal).

**Year 2:** This week we have continued our work on the year 2 common exception words exploring spellings for trickier words which we can't use our phonics to spell. We had a go at a spelling quiz too!  
Please could the children have a go at the quiz attached (practise the common exception word spells below – just choose a few you don't have to do them all!)

### **Reminders / messages**

We have lots of tired children and the end of term /year feeling is already being seen in some of the children's behaviour. Please ensure that your child has a good rest this weekend with some early nights – we still have 3 weeks to go!  
The children have coped amazingly well this week with all the change. They all seem very excited about their new teachers for September!

*Happy weekend all!*