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Dear Parents and Carers,

# **English**

In English this week, we focused on using vocabulary from the story of the Snail and the Whale to write descriptive sentences of different settings from the story. The children did really well using adjectives to enhance their writing and make it more interesting. Today, the children made their own story maps to sequence the events that happened in the story. Next week, the children will be writing the story of the Snail and the Whale in their own words.

In SPaG this week, the children practised writing questions and focused on spelling the tricky spellings of the question words.

## Maths

We began by finding doubles of numbers, by drawing arrays to help us. The children remembered that doubling a number is adding the same number twice. We sang this song, which helped the children learn the doubles to twenty: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8jOzhiACB68">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8jOzhiACB68</a>

Next, we practised making equal groups by grouping pictorial representations. For example, 10 will make 5 equal groups of 2.



The children also continued using money to make different amounts and we compared different amounts by using the greater than, less than or equal to symbols.

#### Science

We continued learning about the seasons this week. The children learnt how the daylight hours change throughout the seasons and that we have more hours of daylight in the summer and less in the winter.

#### **Phonics**

We revisited the 'ir' (bird), 'ou' (mouse) and 'oy' (boy) sounds in phonics this week. The children have been reading real and alien words, as well as writing sentences with words containing these sounds. Many children are finding the 'aw' (saw) sound tricky to remember, so I will pop a little activity on Seesaw for the children to try at home.

#### PE

We had a lovely PE session in the sunshine today, where we practised the long jump and throwing beanbags to a partner and into hoops.



# Religious Education

In RE this week, we started looking at the Muslim faith. The children learnt how Muslims worship Allah, read stories from the Qur'an and go to the Mosque to worship. We read a story called 'The Prophet and the Tiny Ants', where we learnt how we need to look after all animals, no matter how big or small they are.

### Next week

We have Woodland Learning next Monday 20th May.

Also, on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**, we have the bubble run. Children can come to school wearing their own clothes. Our class country for the day is 'Brazil', so if they like, the children can come to school wearing clothes the colour of the Brazilian flag.



#### Next week

Miss Hall shared some very exciting news with the children today – she is expecting a baby in November! We are all so happy for her.

From after half term, Miss Hall and Mrs Millar will be moving on to different classes. I know they will be hugely missed by all of the children and I personally would like to say how grateful I am for all of their amazing work in Year 1.

After half term, we will be welcoming Mrs Gibbs and Mrs Webster to Year 1, who will be moving up with the children into Year 2 in September.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Mockler, Mrs Robinson, Mrs Millar and Miss Hall

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Well done to our Stars of the week, Thomas and Reece, and to our Bright Spark, Ruby E!

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