

YEAR ONE Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have gradually been introducing more 'rainbow challenges' for the children to complete in their activity time. These are to help consolidate their learning from the previous week. Year 1 have been great at completing various phonics, maths, science and geography challenges and are asking when they can have more!

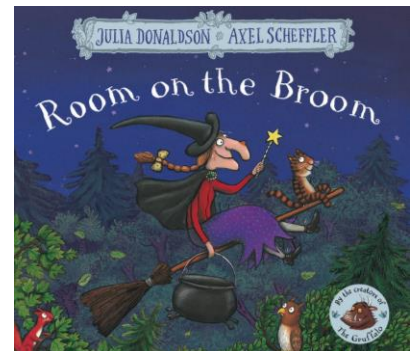


Maths

In maths this week, we have been finding one more and one less than a number, by using our skills of counting forwards and backwards to help us. The children have also been comparing groups of objects by matching them together. They had to count the groups very carefully to make sure they matched the same amounts together and didn't have too few or too many. The children have also been introduced to the greater than ($>$), less than ($<$) and equals ($=$) symbols to compare amounts. They practised using straws to make the correct symbols to compare the numbers.

English

This week, we read 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson. The children learnt some vocabulary from the story, with actions to help them remember. Whenever we read a word (or a synonym of the word) during the story, the children joined in with their actions. They also used some of this vocabulary to help them write descriptions of the dragon. There were also some fantastic designs for how they could make the witch's broom fly even faster! The children also drew and wrote about which animals they would choose to take on a broomstick ride with them.



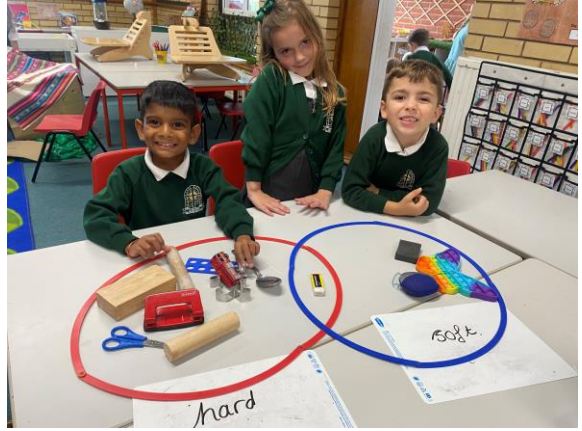
Phonics

In phonics this week, the children have learnt 'ay' (play), 'ou' (house), 'oy' (toy) and 'ea' (treat).

We also began guided reading in Year 1 this week, so the children will all read in a group with an adult twice a week.

Science

In our materials topic this week, the children have been sorting materials into different groups. They worked in small groups to decide how to sort the materials. Some chose to sort them based on the type of material and others sorted them depending on their properties.



PE

The children enjoyed using the apparatus in the hall for gymnastics this week. They remembered how to use and move around the equipment safely and worked hard to try and hold balances on the equipment for five seconds.



Religious Education

We have been learning about what a parable is and this week we looked at the story of The Lost Son. We discussed what the hidden meaning is behind this parable and the children decorated boxes to represent the story. On the outside, they chose pictures from the story to glue on the outside. Inside, they wrote the hidden meaning of the story 'show forgiveness'. We also discussed how we can show forgiveness to others.



We hope you all have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Mockler, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Glennon