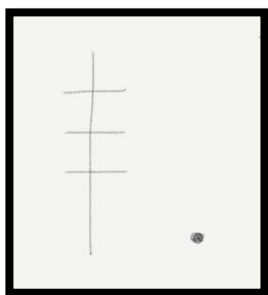


YEAR ONE Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Maths

The children have been working hard on their subtracting skills this week. They have been using counters and pictures to cross out when solving subtraction calculations. We have also started using a number line to count the jumps back when subtracting a number.



English

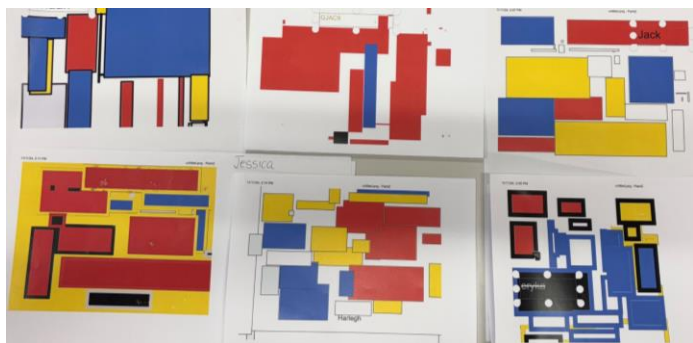
We had some more exciting messages in our magic tin this week. We were sent some symbols that represent Noodle and Titch which look a lot like a capital letter and a full stop. This is to help us remember that a sentence begins with a capital letter (Noodle) and ends in a full stop (Titch). We were also sent pictures of some new characters called Brain and The Greap. We have to keep our eye out for The Greap as he likes to steal our ideas and inventions! The children had some inventing time this week and lots of them decided to invent machines or traps to capture The Greap! They had some amazing inventions... but their inventions only work with a code, so the children wrote some labels and instructions to ensure their inventions would work their magic.



We also read a book called 'Angelica Sprocket's Pockets' by Quentin Blake. The children wrote descriptions of Angelica and all of the amazing things she keeps in her pockets.

Computing

We looked at examples of artwork by Mondrian and discussed the shapes and colours he used in his artwork. Then the children created their own Mondrian-inspired artwork on the laptops.



Remembrance Day

The children all did so well on Monday and were incredibly respectful when we went over to the church to pay our respects to remember those who died in the wars. In class, the children completed their Rainbow Challenges related to Remembrance Day. They made their own poppies and painted some beautiful poppy pictures.



Religious Education

We began thinking about why Christmas matters to Christians. We discussed the signs that we might see that Christmas is coming and the excitement we feel. Then we thought about how exciting it is to welcome a new baby into the world and the children designed a special bedroom for baby Jesus, remembering the reasons why Christians believe he is so special.

Nativity

I am sure many of you have already heard some of your children singing the songs so you may have gathered that we have started learning the songs for our Key Stage 1 Nativity. The children are already doing a fantastic job at learning the words!

Reverse Advent

Last year, our 'Reverse Christmas Advent' initiative was incredibly successful, so we would like to do it again this year. Instead of the traditional advent calendars, where children receive a gift each day, we would like the children to take it in turns to donate an item for the Hygiene Bank. On the following page, I have added Year 1's names to the dates for bringing in items to school. Thank you for your support.

Woodland learning

We have our next Woodland Learning session on Tuesday 19th November. Please can the children be wearing lots of layers, in case it's a chilly one!

Home learning

The children all tried so hard with their spellings this week and should be so proud of their selves ☺ Here are the spellings to learn this week. They are based on the phonics sounds we have been practising in school.

| Spellings |
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| post |
| most |
| open |
| boat |
| goat |
| float |

Hope you have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Mockler, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Glennon

Reverse Advent Calendar





Inventions

Here are some of the inventions that the children have been creating this week! They had the choice of drawing, using playdough, junk modelling or construction to create their inventions.

