

Year 1 CLASS NEWSLETTER

Spring 2023

We would like to share with you about some of the things we have been doing in the spring term.



In **Science**, we have looked at and discussed different everyday materials. We sorted materials depending on their properties, decided whether they are natural or manmade, tested for strength, waterproof or not and what sinks and what floats. We had opportunities to test the materials ourselves making predictions and testing them in investigations. We can now make sensible suggestions to which material to use for which purpose.



In **English**, we have continued to write sentences using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. We have read lots of stories and even had a go at acting some of these out in our Talk for Writing sessions. We learnt The Three Little Pigs off by heart and had a go at changing the animals in the story and writing it all on our own. We looked at non-chronological reports all about guinea pigs and wrote our own.



In **Maths**, we have been exploring numbers to 50 and investigating length and height. We have learnt how to measure using a ruler and know that cm stands for centimetres. We also used balances to weigh items deciding which was heavier and lighter. We have used the part, part whole model and used dienes to understand tens and ones. We have been trying really hard to deepen our understanding working on our reasoning skills completing a question everyday together.



Personal Development

We have looked at a variety of things this term linked to our personal development. We have discussed money and how to save it, we've talked about how to be a good friend, we looked at stereotypes and what this means and what jobs exist.

In our British values lessons we focussed on Individual liberty and what this means. Everyone is welcome focussed on 2 different books – 'Want to play trucks?' and 'Hair, It's a Family Affair.' Both of these showed the children how everyone is different but should still be treated the same.

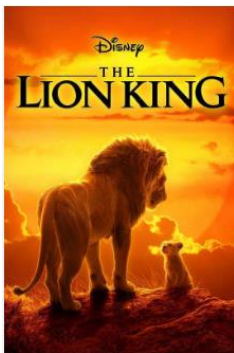




In music we have discussed a variety of genres and identified our likes and dislikes. We have used maracas to keep the rhythm and used chime bars to create different tunes.

Our art work has been all about the primary colours and how they can be mixed to make secondary colours. Our final piece was a plate in the style of Clarice Cliff using all the skills we have learnt.

In Design and technology we designed and made a hand puppet linked to the story of the 3 little pigs.



In PE we created a dance over several weeks linked to the jungle and animals you might find. We used music from the Lion King and read a jungle story to help inspire us.

In history we investigated the first moon landing made by Neil Armstrong and his crew. We learnt about what they did when they were there and how they felt on the mission.

In RE we looked at festivals celebrated in the Muslim faith and then what Christian people believe God to be like.





I can't believe we have reached the end of the Spring term. The children have worked so hard and are definitely ready for a break of eating lots of chocolate. We have had lots of different opportunities this term. We dressed up for World Book Day, had an author visit us, met dinosaurs and had a fun family day.



I would like to thank you all for your continued support this term and wish you all a restful and relaxing Easter.

Miss Hartley and Miss Pearce