

Welcome to Year 1



We have been finding out and learning about all sorts of new and wonderful things since being in Year 1. Please read on and find out!

Literacy

We have read several great books this term which have all given us the chance to explore our creative thinking and writing skills. We have been working on a Knights and Castles theme. Firstly we explored poetry and focused on identifying rhyming words and alliteration. The children enjoyed choosing a character related to Knights and Castles and writing a blurb for their chosen character using alliteration and rhyming words. We have enjoyed exploring our favourite book 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We have really been looking at characters, setting and sequence of events in this story. We have also been developing our vocabulary thinking of great descriptive vocabulary. The children enjoyed acting out parts of the story and reflecting on the characters feelings and thoughts. In the last few weeks we explored our topic 'Knights and Castles' focusing on non-fiction texts. The children enjoyed identifying features of non-fiction texts and creating a fact sheet about their topic. This term we have also been focused on clear sentence writing with capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We are working hard developing our phonics skills and of course practising our cursive letter formation.

Maths

We have been having exploring number, patterns, shapes, addition, counting in 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's to 100. We have really worked hard on number recognition, number bonds to 10 and ordering and comparing numbers. We had great fun exploring repeating patterns and 3D shapes. We are learning the names and properties of 3D shapes as well as spotting them in the environment. The children enjoyed learning about more/less than and making their own crocodile mouths. The children used these to complete a number sentence using the correct symbol.

Science

Our focus has been learning all about different materials and their properties. We have looked at a wide range of materials and described them and how they are used. We are going to explore this further in the next half term and think about planning and carrying out investigations into different materials. In addition to this we have been learning about seasonal changes and how the environment, weather and day has changed with the onset of Autumn.

Topic

This term we have been learning about Knights and Castles. We have enjoyed finding out all about castles and the different parts. The children loved making their own castle as part of a homework project and making shields in class using different materials.

