

Year 1 News Letter

Friday 7th October 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

In mathematics this week, we have been focusing on time. We recapped how many minutes are in one hour and what the long and short hands on an analogue clock represent. We played 'What's the time, Mister Wolf?' by using our own clocks to tell the time to the hour. Then we had blank clock faces which we drew the hands on to make the clocks tell an o'clock time. We had to try hard to remember to make the hour hand shorter than the minute hand. Finally, we have also been learning a couple of songs to help us remember the days of the week in the correct order.

In English, we started the week by thinking about our sense of sight and imagined how different our lives would be if we lost our sense of sight. We learnt about Louis Braille and how he invented the Braille alphabet system. We looked at the Braille alphabet and used it to write our own names in Braille.

We have also been thinking about our sense of touch this week. We thought of lots of things that we use our hands to do such as write, eat and get dressed. We wondered how hard some of these activities would be if we didn't use our hands, so we tried a few tasks without using our hands, such as writing using our feet – which proved to be hilariously difficult! We wrote sentences explaining all the wonderful things we can do with our hands. Finally, we discussed using similes to describe how different objects feel. The children came up with some lovely descriptions such as 'the tap is cold like snow' and 'the cushion is soft like marshmallows.'



This week, we have also been practising our bean song for the Harvest Festival today!

Here are some websites we have been using this week that your child may like to visit at home:

- Phonics game <http://ictgames.com/poopDeckPirates/index.html>
- Bubble Multiples game http://www.teachitprimary.co.uk/bubble_multiples
- Number bonds song <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cdlxSwokZRw>
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We hope you have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards,

Miss Hutchings and Mrs Lovell