

Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 21st October 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

For English this week, we began by writing a recount of what we had been doing at the weekend. This is always a great opportunity for us to focus on ensuring we are using lead-ins and lead-outs for our letters, finger spaces, full stops and have our capital letters and full stops in the correct places. We are also remembering that if we are stuck on how to spell a word, we can use a sound mat to help us.

Then we discussed how we made our delicious fruit jelly last Friday and thought carefully about how we could put the instructions in the correct order. We wrote clear, numbered instructions and wrote a new instruction on a new line. Next, we drew a picture to match each instruction.

We also looked at our sense of smell. We took the 'sniff test' to smell a variety of substances that, although they looked similar, had very different smells (such as vinegar and vanilla). Then we thought about our favourite and least favourite smells and wrote lists of nice and nasty smells.

In maths this week, we began by adding up a selection of given coins to find the total. Then we recapped addition, using the 'counting on' method to add two numbers together. We had to put the biggest number in our heads, then count on using our fingers to add the smaller number.

We also looked at finding half of a shape. We thought about how both halves must be exactly equal to each other. Then we went on to finding half of a quantity by sharing counters equally into two groups.

Last week, we planted cress seeds for our R.E curriculum to show how we can look after God's world by helping the plants grow. We were really pleased to see how well our cress seeds grew!

We hope you all have a lovely half term,

Kind Regards

Miss Hutchings and Mrs Lovell

