

Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 18th November 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

In English this week, we began by looking at the new John Lewis Christmas advert and discussed what type of animals appear in the advert. We then looked more closely at some nocturnal animals and focused on learning about hedgehogs. We learnt lots of interesting facts about hedgehogs, which we then wrote about in an information sheet.

In phonics, we have been focusing on the 'ure' sound (as in pure, cure, secure). We have had lots of practice reading and writing these words. (The children were particularly keen to write 'manure' in as many sentences as they could this week!)



For maths, we started by finding the difference between two numbers. We realised we could find the difference by taking the smaller number away from the larger number. We wrote these as subtraction sentences, so to find the difference between 12 and 8 we would write $12 - 8 = 4$.

We have also been practising solving a mixture of addition and subtraction sentences as well as using a tape measure to measure length. We worked in pairs to estimate and measure in centimetres different parts of each other's bodies.

As this week is anti-bullying week, we also discussed what bullying is and what we should do if we ever feel like we are getting bullied, or see someone else getting bullied. We also discussed all the ways we can be great friends to one another.

We have also begun our Computing lessons in the ICT suite. So far, we have mainly been focusing on logging on and off the computer, typing our names using capital letters in the correct places. We have also been drawing pictures using a program called Colour Magic. A couple of parents have asked if it possible to download Colour Magic at home, but unfortunately it is a program bought by the school. It is, however, very similar to 'Paint' if your child would like to practise at home. We are particularly focusing on mouse control skills in our ICT lessons.



An owl, a fox and a badger.

By Luke

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards,

Miss Hutchings

Year 1 Spellings

Here are the words for your child to practise this week:

like
they
we
so
when

If your child is already confident in writing these words, then you can ask them to practise writing these within a sentence.

Trickier, **optional** spellings:

These are a lot harder, so please do not feel like your child has to learn these. Your child may just want to practise writing the words by copying them down.

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