

Year 1 Home Learning

Friday 12th October

Dear Parents and Carers,

In English this week, we have continued reading 'The Storm Whale'. We have been thinking very carefully about the scenes within the book and using the text to help us to think about what might have happened. We were given a line from the text, saying that there had been a great storm and we had to think carefully and visualise what this might have looked like. We then drew the scene using oil pastels. We used our storm scenes to create a short poem, describing the storm.

We continued the story and found out that the storm had washed a whale up on the beach and that our main character wanted to do something to help the small whale. We watched clips of people using different strategies to help beached whales back into the water and then discussed the ideas that we could use to help the whale back into the water and used these to create an information booklet to help the character. We had to recall our learning of writing lists to help us make the ideas clear to read.

In mathematics, we have been learning about time. We have learnt that if the minute hand (long hand) is pointing to the 12, it is an o'clock time and if it is pointing to the 6 it is a half past time. We have also learnt that the shorter hand is the hour hand and that this needs to point to the number in the times that we were given. We have been getting confident with reading o'clock and half past times and can even show these on small clocks!

We have also been learning our five times tables and making a connection to counting in 5s and the written calculation. We will continue to practise our 5 times tables.

In Phonics this week, we have been revising the sound 'sh'. We have been thinking of lots of different words that use the sound and realised that the sound could be at the beginning, in the middle or, at the end of the word. We read a short story together to try and identify different words that contain our sound.

This week we went into the ICT suite for our first computing lesson. We practised logging into Purplemash, which is a secure website where we can play educational games and activities linked to our learning. This week we were finding the keys on the keyboard and practising our mouse skills. We will continue to use Purplemash throughout the year, and it can be accessed at home.

If you would like your child's login, please let me know and it can be sent home.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Kind Regards,

Mrs Martin and Miss Brooks