

Year 1 Home Learning

Friday 19th October

Dear Parents and Carers,

In English this week, we have finished reading 'The Storm Whale'. We have thought about the events in the book and discussed how we knew that it had a happy ending. We have been writing a story, pretending that we were the whale from the story. We had to think very carefully about the key events from the story that involved the whale, as well as how the character would have been feeling through the different events. We edited a story that was started by Mrs Martin to make sure that it included capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. We also had to improve the first line of the story by using interesting openers and adjectives, to add extra detail.

When we wrote our own stories, we had to think very carefully as we were pretending to be the character, so we had to remember to use 'I' in our writing, instead of 'the whale'. This was much trickier than we thought it would be!

In mathematics, we have been learning different methods for solving addition and subtraction problems. We recapped what each of the symbols means in a calculation. We know that '+' means to add and therefore, our number will increase in value, whereas '-' means take away/ subtract and our number will decrease in value. We used this knowledge to look at solving both addition and subtraction calculations on a number line.

We have also been continuing learning our two and five times tables. This week we have listened to songs that help us to get up and move, whilst learning the tables. The website is listed below:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/super movers/42675177>

This has all of the times tables videos available to watch, but the key times tables for Year 1 are the 2x, 5x and the 10x tables.

If you would like to play some phonics games with your children through the half term to continue to build their confidence, I have listed some useful games below:

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/BuriedTreasure2.html> (Practise real and pseudo words).

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/DragonsDen.html> (Practise real and pseudo words).

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/PictureMatch.html> (Practises blending and recognition of words)

We hope you all have a lovely half term,

Kind Regards,

Mrs Martin and Miss Brooks