

Year 1 Home Learning

Friday 2nd November 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

For English this week, we have been learning all about Diwali, the Hindu festival of light. We read the story of Rama and Sita and acted out the story in small groups and were able to retell the story after sequencing the main events. Then we retold the story of Rama and Sita in our own words, using pictures to help remember the order of the story. In our Art lesson, we continued to think about Diwali and made our own Rangoli patterns. We looked at lots of different examples and saw that they are very colourful and detailed. When we made our own, we made sure that they were very bright and colourful.

In maths this week, we looked at comparing length by finding objects that are longer and shorter than our hand span. Then we practised measuring different objects using non-standard units of measure (cubes). Even though we didn't have to read the number of cms, we had to make sure that we were accurate when working out how many cubes long the object was, as this would help us to be accurate when using a ruler.

For science, we began to look at the different seasons. We discussed the months that belong in each season and thought about what changes we see from one season to the next. Then we made a season's wheel, showing the seasons and the months of the year. We also drew pictures to represent each season.

We will also begin spelling tests this term. With each newsletter, I will send five words for the children to practise, to be tested the following **Thursday** in school. As the children will all be at different stages with their spelling, I will also attach some **optional** trickier spellings. If they would like an additional challenge, they could try putting these words into sentences.

We do not want to put pressure on children at this young age, so if they do not get their spellings all correct, we will not make them repeat the same spellings the following week, we simply encourage them to practise the new set of spellings. Spelling tests in Year 1 are a way of getting the children used to this style of testing and to help them not only with their writing, but with their reading too.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Martin and Miss Brooks

Year 1 Spellings

Each Friday, I will send home a small list of 5 high frequency words for your children to practise writing at home. The following Thursday, the children will write these words in a spelling test. Here are the words for your child to practise this week:

the
and
my
went
but

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:

played	because	November	autumn
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