

Year 1 Home Learning

Friday 15th February

Dear Parents and Carers,

For English this week, we have been planning and writing our own fairy tales. We have thought about the characters in tales that we have read and found that most tales have a good character and a bad character. We then thought about our own characters and used a range of different adjectives to describe them. We then looked at the structure of the stories and realised that there are lots of key parts to a fairy tale, it needed to have a beginning, a problem that the character faces, the resolution to the problem and an ending. We had a lot of discussion about the different problems that characters could face and thought of a range of interesting suggestions. We then had to think of ways that the character could solve the problem. When we looked at examples of current fairy tales, we found that this might involve another character, whether it was human or an animal. We had a lot of fun thinking of our own characters and the story of their journey.

In phonics, we went over the 'o_e' split digraph sound (as in phone home). We have also practised reading real and pseudo words. The children can continue to practise this using the games on the Phonics play website.

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/PicnicOnPluto.html>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/BuriedTreasure2.html>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/DragonsDen.html>

In Topic we have been learning about the other people who would have lived and worked around the castle. We looked at how the peasants lives differed from those of the people who worked inside of the castle and found that theirs were much harder. We discovered that the peasants would do a lot of work farming and would not receive much money, or food, as they had to give it to the church and the landowners. We then went on to learn about how the peasants thought it was unfair that they had to pay so much, so decided to fight against the King to try and make it fairer.

In Art, we have been using different techniques to paint a castle. This week we have been using sponges to print the shapes of the stones on to the castle. We had to be careful as we had learnt we didn't need too much paint on the sponges, as this would make the page go soggy and that not all of the bricks would be the same size or line up perfectly.

We had a lot of fun using the new technique to try and create our castles and they look great!

Spelling books

Thank you for returning the books promptly last week. We hope you found it helpful to see how your children got on in their tests. Due to the half term, the children will not be bringing their spelling books home tonight as we don't want them being misplaced over the course of the week. However, they will be bringing them home when we return to school.

Forest school

Our next Forest school session is on the first day of term which is **Tuesday 26th February**.

I hope you have a lovely half term break.

Kind regards,

Mrs Martin and Miss Brooks