

# Key Stage 1



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## Learning

In English this week, we have been continuing our learning about non-fiction texts. The children have been learning about the first man on the Moon and the Apollo11 mission. They collected facts to work collaboratively to produce a poster full of facts, also organised facts into headings, wrote a timeline of the significant events in Neil Armstrong's life and finished the week writing their own fact file page. Also they learned to recognise nouns; and noun phrases for year 2.

In phonics you could practise reading and spelling the tricky words; **they, my, was, could, would, you** and **are**.

In maths this week the children have been learning to recognise the value of different coins and notes. The children have practised putting the coins in order of value and also investigating making amounts eg; 8p, 10p and 20p in as many different ways as possible using different coins. Children were challenged to find different amounts of money using 3 coins only. Also the children chose items from the shop and added the amounts to find the total. Year 2 with amounts over a pound.

In topic work the children made their own 'Starry Night' picture in the style of Van Gogh using chalk pastels which were almost as good as the original. Science work has been related to shadows and how they are formed from light being blocked by an opaque object. The children enjoyed making shadow puppets to test their ideas. During Welly Wednesday the children learned about different birds all ready to take part in the Big Schools' Birdwatch. They created their own identification wheel, played a bird matching game and listened to the songs from different birds. Why don't you have a go with your children and see if they recognise more birds than you? Use this link to the game: <https://www.birdid.no/bird/IDprogram.php> (pictures and sound)

Thank you for supporting your children with the new homework tasks. We were amazed at all their fantastic home learning produced this week and their obvious pride they took in showing their work to the class and adults.

Please continue to listen to your child read as much as possible as the additional practice will really help your child develop their reading and understanding of texts. Reading to your child and also asking questions about the stories will also help to develop these skills, especially reluctant readers. Please could book bags be brought to school each day as this helps us make sure books are changed regularly and letters are not missed? Thank you. 😊

Also we love to see the wild and wacky places your children have been extreme reading in! Please continue to send in your photos. All KS1 have a twitter page now which you can follow  
@Hedgehogsclass  
@SquirrelClassMP  
@Moorlandsrabbit