

# Key Stage 1



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## Learning

In English this week the children have been continuing their work on recounts. They learned about writing in the past tense by adding 'ed' to verbs and some rules that apply when doing this. They also learned that by asking questions based on the 5Ws (who, what, where, when and why) about an event, they can add in extra details to make their writing more interesting. They used time conjunctions to sequence all the things they did on 'Pancake Day' and then wrote a recount of the day's events.

Tricky words to practise this week are: **very, put, their, people** and **called**.

A good game to practise your child's phonic skills can be found at

[http://www.ictgames.com/tellAtRex\\_v3.html](http://www.ictgames.com/tellAtRex_v3.html) (level 1 and 2)

In maths the children have been learning about shapes especially focussing on 3D shapes, learning to recognise and name the shapes such as: cube, cuboid, cylinder, sphere, cone, pyramid and triangular prism. They have looked carefully at the shapes to count the number of faces, edges and vertices (corners). They have also been learning about symmetry in shapes. Ask your child to name the shape of everyday objects and how many faces, edges and vertices they have; as this will help them to remember.

Good websites to practise are:

[www.topmarks.co.uk/symmetry/symmetry-matching](http://www.topmarks.co.uk/symmetry/symmetry-matching) (tablet friendly)

[www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/shape-position-and-movement](http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/shape-position-and-movement)

In topic the children have been making space shuttles and shape aliens and propelling their own rocket using bicarbonate of soda and vinegar. The children really enjoyed making pancakes on 'Shrove Tuesday' after learning about the origins of pancake day. They finished the afternoon with pancake races with some excellent flipping and a few drops on the way. Thank you so much for lending us your frying pans for the afternoon.



**Please can children practise reading as much as possible over the holiday it will really benefit their reading fluency - 'Practise makes perfect!' Please could you write in their reading records every time they read at home as this will contribute to the class 'target' scores.**

The children break up for the half term holiday today and return to school on Monday 22nd February 2016. We hope you have a safe and enjoyable holiday.