

Key Stage 1



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Learning

In English this week the children have been using the story of 'Dear Zoo' as a basis for their learning. They practised writing lists including description of the animals from the story and then wrote a letter to the zoo explaining what the class had decided they would like for a pet with their reasons why it might be a good choice. After receiving various pictures of some animals from the zoo they wrote back to the zoo and explained why some of the zoo's choices would not be sensible for the classroom. They then wrote a recount in the form of a letter explaining to a friend what had happened during their English lessons. They finished the week practising their reading comprehension skills in preparation for reading assessments.

In maths lessons the focussed learning has been about multiplication and division. The children have been matching multiplication number sentences to their arrays, sorting number sentences by calculating the answers to find out if the sentences are correct or incorrect, and also working out division and their corresponding multiplication facts. They also practised their halving skills by sharing into 2 equal groups and also partitioning into tens and ones to half each value to find the halves of 2 digit numbers. They also practised interpreting pictograms using different scales.

A fun game to practise division is :

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/division/play/popup.shtml>

A fun game to practise multiplication is :

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/multiplication-and-division> and look for 'multiplication explorer'.

During the topic lessons the children finished making their sunflower pictures using real seeds as media and looked at the still life work of the artist Cézanne and used oil pastels to create the still life fruit, blending the colours to recreate a similar design. During science they looked at their cress investigation from last week's lesson and discovered if their predictions were correct or incorrect. They completed their written investigation and conclusion.

Next week the children in Year 2 will be sitting their SATs tests, they will have these in their own classrooms with their own teachers in a quiet and relaxed atmosphere. They have practised similar tests in a similar way so they will be used to the way the tests are administered so the children will feel confident and happy.

Thank you for ensuring the children are coming to school as safe as possible in the warm weather by having sun cream and sunhats. Drinking water is always available in the classroom, but having their own water bottle is advantageous