

Key Stage 1



News
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Learning

In English this week the children have researched information about African animals that they observed last week at 'Africa Alive'. They looked for information in books, information collected on the day out and also on the internet. They wrote a first draft of all the information under headings they choose to present their report. They also learnt to edit and improve their sentences and worked with others to check each other's work to improve their writing. They finished the week by writing their final improved report on one of the animals they researched.

In maths the children have been focussing on the standard units that length; weight; temperature and capacity are measured in. eg: metres, centimetres, millimetres, kilometres, litres, millilitres, grams, kilograms, and degrees Celsius. They also practised reading different scales in different units. These are good website games to practise these skills with:

<http://www.iboard.co.uk/iwb/Measure-Capacity-Simple-114>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Flash.aspx?f=Temperaturev2>

<http://www.ictgames.com/mostlyPostie.html>

<http://www.iboard.co.uk/iwb/Animal-Length-Labels-579>

In topic lessons the children have been learning about animal habitats and how animals are adapted to live in these conditions. Also the children have been learning about food chains and how each link relies on the link before to survive. For example; grass → rabbit → fox

Reading

As the reading books have to be returned to school for the summer, this presents a good opportunity for your children to continue reading books that are not scheme based. The local libraries have a fantastic summer reading challenge called the 'The Big Friendly Read'. There are Roald Dahl stickers for 0-5 year olds to collect, for sharing books together. Older children get Big Friendly Read cards and a free collector folder to keep them in. There are 6 cards, each featuring Quentin Blake illustrations from some of Roald Dahl's best-loved stories. Children can collect them all while they read any library books of their choice. Everyone will receive a certificate for completing the challenge, and those aged over 3 will get a special medal. If your child continues reading during the summer they will be at an advantage for next year!

Thank you!

As this will be the last newsletter from KS1 this school year, we wish to say a big thank you for all your kind generosity and support this year. We have had a super year and have enjoyed teaching your children very much. We hope you have a happy and safe summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you back on Monday 5th September 2016.