

Year 1 Class Newsletter

Friday 9th of March 2018



Important Dates:

Cherry Class PE: Tuesdays and Wednesdays
Hazel Class PE: Thursday
Hazel Class swimming: Wednesday

We had such a lovely time at Easton Farm. We enjoyed frolicking around with the lambs and learning about how many eggs the chickens lay in a day. Some of us were lucky enough to stroke the lambs and a few of us were licked by calves!

Thank you to all the parents who came to our e-safety learning cafes. It was great to see you and the animal creations you came up with together with your children.



We have been using 'The Elves and the Shoemaker' as a starting point for our writing. We have retold the story in many different ways including acting and puppets. We are now changing the characters and the setting of the story and re-writing it.

In phonics we have been focussing on digraphs (two letters making one sound such as /oi/ in coin, /ee/ in leek or /oa/ in goad) and trigraphs (three letters making one sound such as /igh/ in night or /ure/ in pure). We have also been practising common exception words such as: looked, their, what, all.

Please make sure that you are practising with your child at home using the sound mats you were given at parent / carer consultations. **It is really important that you listen to your child read every day.**

In Maths we have been learning to multiply and solve problems involving multiplication. The children have been multiplying by making groups using repeated addition. For example, 7×3 is $7+7+7$. The children use Numicon, cubes, bead strings and number lines to calculate. They need to be able to count in 2s, 5s and 10s but do not need to know multiplication tables at this stage.



In Science we are learning about materials. We have learnt about the properties of different materials. We have made predictions about whether certain objects would sink or float and then tested our predictions. Next week we will be predicting and testing an egg protector.

In Geography we continue to learn about the 7 continents and 5 oceans. We are 'travelling' to a country in each continent over the course of the next few weeks.

At home you could:

- ☺ Practise multiplication calculations by using repeated addition.
- ☺ Practise reading and spelling the words on our Year 1 word list.
- ☺ Play games using the sound mats.
- ☺ Go on phonicsplay.co.uk and choose some of the free games
- ☺ Practise counting forwards and backwards and in 2s, 5s and 10s.
- ☺ **Listen to your child read every day.**

