

Friday 20th January 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been a chilly and busy week in Year 1. With the weather as it currently is please can we remind you that the children need to have a named warm, waterproof coat, gloves and a hat with them everyday, especially when they have their Forest School session as the fluffy coats are likely to get muddy.

Golden Leaf Winners

Finches			
20.1.23	Isabella	Silver	For fantastic independent writing this week and taking her time to carefully sound out words.
20.1.23	Marley	Silver	For showing resilience with his learning this week.
Blackbirds			
20.1.23	Tallulah	Silver	For excellent reading and working hard on her phonics.
20.1.23	Harper	Silver	For being kind and polite to others.

<u>Curriculum</u>

As writers we have been writing our own invented version of 'Lost and Found.' We have been using s-shaped plans and text maps to help us structure our story. We have been identifying the conjunctions in the text and started to think about how we could use them in our writing.

As mathematicians we have been learning about the place value of 2-digit numbers up to 20. We have been exploring one more and one less than teen numbers. We have been representing these in different ways. E.g. counters, Numicon, part part whole models, number sentences, Base 10 etc.

As artists we have started our unit of work on drawing. This week we have focused on drawing the outline and adding in some simple shading.

As athletes we are continuing our unit called Hit, Run, Catch. This week we have been rolling balls and practising stopping them effectively.

As Scientists we have been classifying animals including humans by what they eat (carnivores, herbivores and omnivores). We have been investigating 'animal poo' (brown playdough with bits in) to work out what category that animal fits into.

As computing experts we have been practising our coding skills on PurpleMash. We have been practising our resilience when debugging the code.

Phonics

In phonics we have started to learn about some of the vowel alternatives.

This week we have learnt: /igh/ i y /oa/ o /o/ a /oo/ u /(y)oo/ u /c/ ch /sh/ ch /e/ ea tiger, sky, hotel, swan, circus, unicorn, echo, chef, heather

It is really helpful if the children can use the sheet that we sent home to practise the graphemes learnt. The word mats that also came home are words that children need to read and spell by the end of Year 1 so any work on these is also helpful.

The banded books that have been sent home match your child's phonic knowledge so please hear them read at least *3 times a week and record it in their reading diary*.



<u>Numbots</u>

NumBots is an online game and playing little and often will significantly improve your child's recall and understanding of number bonds and addition and subtraction facts. These are critical foundations in maths so we are excited by the impact NumBots will have. It would be helpful if your child could spend some time at home playing on NumBots.

Below is a reminder of the children's log in details.

Username: 21 first four letters of forename and first four letters of surname. For example: 21chlosmit **Password:** 21Redman

The children can also log in with a pin which they have been doing in class. If you want to know the pin, please speak to your child's class teacher.

<u>Contact</u>

Please do contact us if you have any questions or concerns using our email addresses below. Alternatively you can call into the office or catch us on the door in the mornings or afternoons.

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Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas break!

Best wishes

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