



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Our learning so far...

We have had an amazing start to our Spring term topic 'Roll up roll up' with the circus skills visit. The children were so inspired by the visit that we went on to write recounts of our experiences.

We have just started exploring our key text for the term by immersing the children in the illustrations only. From this the children have identified nouns and verbs to match the illustrations and created group poems. We are so proud of how the children's literacy skills are progressing so far.

Learning behaviour

As a whole school we are focusing on learning behaviour. In class we have been discussing the children views of the things that stop them from learning and turning these into positive learning behaviour examples. The children now know that to learn better they need to be sitting comfortably, looking at the speaker and asking when they are unsure about work.

Maths

We started the term exploring 3D shape and as always the children loved this theme. They have worked hard to remember the terminology of vertices, faces and edges when describing the shapes. We are now exploring partitioning numbers using tens and units and working on problem solving. Over the past week we have focussed on addition. The children have been counting on using a number line and working on their number bond facts.

Literacy

We have introduced our new key text 'Leon and the space between'. The children have looked at circus pictures as a stimulus to generate nouns and verbs. They then used these to create a group poem. We have this week continued focussing on nouns and verbs and moved onto adjectives and adverbs for some children.

Music lessons

The children have now started learning how to play the recorder with Miss Ryder. It is so lovely for us to watch them learning new skills and growing in confidence each week. We will send out the date for their music performance as soon as it is planned. It is usually in the last week of term.

Homework

We try to mark homework and stick in on a Thursday. Please return your child's homework book to school every Thursday ready for new homework to be stuck in. If it is not in school you will receive the homework in their book bags not stuck in.

PE

Please can we ask that you add jogging bottoms and trainers to the children's PE kits as when the weather is appropriate we aim to have an outdoor session each week.

Zoolab

We had a lovely visit from Zoolab. We looked at giant African snails, tarantulas, cockroaches, giant millipedes and a beautiful corn snake. The children were given the opportunity to hold them, stroke them and look at them. The children just loved this experience and gained lots of new knowledge about habitats and food that different animals eat.

Reminders

- Please can we kindly ask you to fill your child's diary in when you have read with them. It really helps us to see what they have read and how many times they have read a book.
- Parents evening is on 7th and 11th February. Please don't forget to book up your slot.

Many thanks for your support.

The Year 1 Team