

Year One News

Friday 21st October



Phonics

This week we have focused on the sounds: **oo, oo, ar, or**

Please see separate Supersonic Phonics newsletter for more information.

Maths

In maths this week we have been focusing on subtraction. We started off by subtracting using objects in the classroom and then had a go at using tens frames. We then moved on to drawing pictures to help us towards the end of the week.

Science

Over the past few weeks in science we have been learning about the characteristics of the main 5 animal groups, as well as understanding which rainforest animals are herbivores, carnivores and omnivores and what that means. In our last lesson we used this knowledge to compare 2 animals.

Protest

Linked to our rainforest and deforestation work, we have started to learn about climate change. We have been thinking about what this means and what we can do to try to slow it down.

Inspired by Greta Thunberg, the children would like to stage a mini protest at school on **Friday 4th November at 2:30**. You are welcome to come along and watch from Sparhawk park if you would like to.



English

In English this week we continued to focus on super sentence writing. We wrote sentences about silly pictures that we drew ourselves, ensuring that we remembered a capital letter, finger spaces, a full stop and to check that it made sense. We have recently been introduced to the 'Word Up Worm' and used it again this week to think of exciting alternatives for the words 'small' and 'cute' – see if your child can remember any of the words that we came up with.

Show Racism the Red Card

Following on from an assembly earlier in the week, we discussed why we were all wearing red today. We used paint colour charts to look at the different skin tones in our class and saw that we all have different coloured skin and that this is just one of the things that make us all unique and special. We spoke about how racism is always wrong and that we should be kind to everyone no matter who they are, what they look like and what colour their skin is. We have also been sharing books that reinforce this message and celebrate diversity.

Dates for your diary



31st October – back to school

1st November (2:15)– Phonics workshop for parents (general overview of phonics)

4th Nov – deadline for ordering Christmas cards (online)

Wb 14th November – Anti Bullying Week

15th November (2:15) – Emotions coaching workshop for parents

18th November – Children in Need and Christmas Market