

This week in the classrooms...

Reception

This week in phonics, the boys learnt the phonemes: i n m d. They learnt actions and songs to go with each phoneme and they also practised the letter formation by writing in the air, using play dough and on whiteboards. The boys are beginning to blend and segment words with Robot Rick! We continued reading *The Rainbow Fish* and talked about how his scales were his favourite possession. The children thought about their favourite possession. They then drew a picture of their possession and tried to identify the sound it began with. In maths, we have been investigating Numicon and matching amounts of objects to corresponding numbers.

Year 1

Year 1 has had a jam packed week. This week we travelled to Italy during our Humanities lesson to make our home-made pasta, and all the boys thoroughly enjoyed. In English, the boys wrote recipes for their potions. We started looking at addition in Maths, ensuring we counted up our objects using one-to-one correspondence. In Science, we continued learned the terms carnivore, herbivore and omnivore.

Year 2

During English this week, the boys learnt lots of facts of Humpback Whales. With this new information, each boy created an information leaflet about Humpback Whales. In Maths, we continued with learning number bonds to 10 and 20. (Please keep practising at home). We also looked at using a number line to help us count. In Science this week, we looked at whether we can squash, twist, bend and pull different materials. Please remember book bags are due on Mondays and Thursdays, and spellings are given out on a Thursday. The spelling tests will take place on a Wednesday each week.

Year 3

It's been another great week of learning in Year 3! In English, we continued our book, *Stone Age Boy*, and used comprehension skills to decode the pictures and text. We have also been learning about prepositions and practised using them in our writing to describe the position one thing in relation to another. In Maths, we introduced using column methods to add and subtract. We compared and sorted a variety of rocks in our Science lesson and learned about the diet and means of sourcing food during the Stone Age in History.

Year 4

In Year 4 this week, we continued learning about the Iron Man in English and acted out Chapter 2 in small groups. We also read Chapter 3 and used our dictionary skills to look up any words we did not understand. In art, we made an Iron Man sculpture out of cardboard and other recycled materials either in pairs or individually. In maths, we learnt how to do addition and subtraction in the column method and have begun learning how to estimate answers. In science, we had Mr Elkiess come to school to talk to us about being an electrician, the dangers we might face when not knowing how to properly handle electricity safely, the different sizes wires can come in and why they are protected by rubber and other materials. It was really interesting and everyone was excited to hear from him and ask their questions. We also had so much fun with the petting zoo on Tuesday and got the opportunity to hold all these cute animals.

Year 5

This week, Year 5 have been getting into our class text, *The Explorer*, and visiting different methods of addition and subtraction. We have also delved deeper into geography this week and begun computing. The boys are still enjoying their start to Year 5 and continuing to work productively.

Year 6

Year six have had an excellent week. We have finished our recap of long and short multiplication and will be moving onto long division next week. We learned about recruitment vs conscription in WW1 and made our own poster encouraging men to enlist. In science, we built a basic circuit and planned for our experiment next week.