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St Mary's C of E Primary School

Butterfly Class Weekly Newsletter

Friday 14th July 2023

Dear Families,

We can hardly believe we are writing this, our last class newsletter of the year! We have had the most amazing time with our Butterflies. They have grown and changed so much and we are really proud of all the progress they have made. Achievements are not just academic - we are proud of their speech, their friendships, their artiness, their imaginations, their humour, their motor skills, their listening, their manners...the list goes on! Thank you for all your support in helping us teach them. We have loved getting to know you all and wish the children (and yourselves) every happiness as they move into Year One.

Last week in Literacy, we completed our pirates theme. Thank you for all the amazing costumes on Pirate Day. We had so much fun discovering a letter from Captain Skull and finding the treasure hidden in our playground. During the week, we wrote our own letters to go in a bottle and used positional language to describe where treasure might be hidden. We also looked for examples of speech in stories and created our own examples.

This week we are learning about jungles. We have really enjoyed reading "Rumble in the jungle", "Giraffes can't dance" and "Monkey Puzzle". We have found rhyming words within texts, used adjectives to describe different animals and answered questions about stories. One of our favourite activities was making fruit smoothies - thank you very much for providing the fruit for us. This topic has lent itself to lots of sensory play, with mud, grass, playdough and cereals. We have had a great time!

In Maths, we have been learning about different types of maps. This has been a very hands-on, exploratory topic. The children have been making maps for different characters to follow, creating mazes out of a variety of materials and solving maze puzzles themselves. One particular type of map that they have really enjoyed learning about is a coordinate grid. For most of them, this was the first time they had used a coordinate grid, but they made excellent progress and were able to find the buried treasure.

Please know that we are doing lots of “transition work” with the children. We have gone into the Year One classroom on multiple occasions, had story time with Mrs Rose, played in the “big” playground and had lots of circle times about change. It is normal for children to feel a mixture of nerves and excitement, but we have every confidence that they are going to have another fantastic year. We will miss them!

Notices for the week:

- Next week, we will be giving you all the work your child has completed this year. We need to keep the ring binder folders in school, so ask that you could provide us either with your own ring binder, or an A4 paper wallet/envelope as soon as possible. Thank you.
- Please also bring a plastic bag into school for us to make sure your child brings home all the things from their coat pegs etc.

Optional home learning:

Over the summer, please do spend time reading with your child. Research shows that reading one book a day makes a huge impact on your child’s language, imagination and literacy skills. Playing number games is also a great way to support them - dominoes, dice games, card games etc.

We hope you all have a restful, healthy summer. Please come and say hi to us in September!

All the best,

Mrs Davies, Mrs Sage and Mrs King



