

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your generous donations to our harvest celebration. I hope you enjoyed our performance today. I tried to video the rehearsal to put on Tapestry but it didn't turn out well. The children did amazingly this afternoon. I was so proud of their lovely clear speaking voices, joyous singing and brilliant actions including Makaton for the In My Trolley song. It was fab, they all shone and I hope you were entertained!

Here is the Class update for the last two weeks.

Phonics

We have been learning about the phonemes 'ie' as in tie and 'ea' as in leaf. Year 2 have been learning how to spell plurals and verbs that require the 'y' to change to an 'i' before adding es or ed and words spelt with the silent 'g' as in gnome.

English

We have been reading the stories The Shopping Basket by John Burningham and Sea Park. The children really enjoyed the shopping basket story as some silly animals that tried to steal Steven's shopping got their just desserts.

Maths

We have been exploring estimating, ordering and comparing numbers including using the $>$ $<$ $=$ signs correctly to compare numbers and amounts.

Other

We have been using timelines and comparing hospitals in the past to now in history. In art we mixed paints to complete colour wheels and made pastel pictures of bowls of fruit. In PE we have been improving our throwing and catching skills. ICT has focused on coding click and key events. Music and drama lessons are now spent practising for the big winter production of Aladdin.

Homework

I have sent home paper copies of the maths and spelling homework for the week. Tests are Monday for Year 1 and Wednesday for Year 2.

Here are some online games to support their learning.

Year 1 spelling game: <https://wordwall.net/play/36585/184/205>

Year 2 spelling game: <https://wordwall.net/play/36585/383/914>

Maths games to support our learning this week. The year 2 maths activity might be better with an adult as the children need to look at the blank number line then estimate what number the arrow is showing then flip to see if they were correct. There are several suggested correct answers for some slides as is the nature of estimating.

Year 1: <https://wordwall.net/play/63481/769/876>

Year 2: <https://wordwall.net/play/79267/131/905>

Lost Property

Lost property is still a problem, please take time to check that you have all of the correct jumpers and hoodies at home and make sure that jumpers, hoodies, coats and ties are all clearly labelled. I did ask the children to ensure that they were only ever leaving their property either in their tray or their bag, but they are very young and it will take time to get this right every time.

Upcoming Trips

We will be going on a local area 'eco' field trip to the Harewood Estate on 23/10/24. We are able to staff this with school staff. It will be for the morning only and the children will require sturdy outdoor footwear for the trip. I will send more information and reminders the week before.

We will also be going to Lotherton Hall this is again just for a half day session on Thu 14th Nov. I already have one volunteer to join us and could accommodate a second if anybody is available. I will let you know when this trip goes live on SchoolMoney.

Parent's Evenings will be in the first week back after half term and will be bookable via EduSpot too.

Thank you very much for your support and have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs G Dodd