

Class 1 News



Phonics

Miss Wright's phonics group will be learning the following new sounds this week: ay (May I play?), ee (What can you see?), igh (Fly high) and ow (Blow the snow).

Miss Smitheram's group will be focusing on two spellings of the 'igh' sound (igh as in high and i-e like), as well as revising all sounds they have learned so far.

Class trip!

We are very excited about our trip tomorrow to Trebah Gardens! Please remember that we will spend most of the day outside, so your child needs to be dressed appropriately (warm clothes, waterproofs and comfortable footwear) and will need to bring a packed lunch and bottle of water.

Maths

This week in Maths Reception will be reading analogue clocks to the hour, and Year 1 will be reading analogue clocks to the hour and half hour, as well as beginning to learn about digital clocks. Later on in the week, Year 1 will begin to look at some basic multiplication (doubling and counting in 2s and 10s), while Reception consolidate their counting skills, counting forwards and backwards to numbers up to 100.

Any counting you do at home will greatly support your child this week. For Year 1 children, you could also model how counting in 2s and 10s is useful in practical contexts, for example working out more quickly how many forks there are in the draining cup, or how many Lego bricks there are in the wall of a model house.

Classroom improvements

You may have noticed we have been making some changes to the classroom over the past week or so. This is on the back of a recent visit from an Early Years consultant, who came to observe our learning environment (specifically, how classroom layout and use of resources support and challenge children in their self-directed learning), and some very inspiring visits the Class 1 team and Mrs Northern have made to other settings. We have put together an action plan for making improvements, beginning with the indoor learning environment, and some money has been allocated for this from the school budget. We are immensely excited about putting our plans into action and hope you are also pleased with the changes we have made (the children certainly have been so far!). If you have any questions about changes we have made or our future plans, please speak to me before or after school or send me an email.

As always, if you have any questions I am available before and after school, and can

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Best wishes,

Miss Wright