

It has proved to be a very busy half term so far in Space Base: we have been doing lots of work in all different areas including Geography, Computing, Art and Science as well as practising for the Christmas performance. Rehearsals are going well, however please do support your children at home with learning their lines as we do still have some children who need support with this and to practise them at home would help a lot.

We are definitely getting to grips with the new scheme of work for maths as we are much more familiar with the methods and resources. We are nearing the end of our addition and subtraction topic: Y1 have been using different methods and resources to subtract 1-digit numbers and Y2 have moved on to using pictorial representations of column addition and subtraction. The Y2 children in particular have been fantastic throughout this unit, and I am very proud of them. Our next topic will be all about money; you could help to prepare your child for this by giving them access to different coins and notes so they begin to recognise them. The Y2 children would also benefit from some practise in using the coins to make an amount, e.g. 'can you make 10p using the coins?'

We have re-instated Team Time on a Friday morning. During this time, we get into our house teams and spend time getting to know other children across school. This not only gives the children vital practise with their social skills, including taking turns, sharing and playing nicely, but also enables them to make friends in different classes, in keeping with our vision of being a 'small school with a big heart.'



We are now almost experts in using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in our sentences, so a big well done to all of the children. This half term we have been doing our English work based around the Gruffalo and have so far used adjectives (Y1 and Y2) and similes (Y2) to write character descriptions of the Gruffalo himself, other characters from the story and our own made up characters. After being asked to draw a character called the Hullabaloo, based only on Mrs. Williams reading us a description, we found out how important it was to include lots of detail in our descriptions in order to build up a the best possible picture in the readers' mind. We are moving on to writing instructions this week, also with a focus on adding an appropriate amount of detail to make the instructions make sense. The children grasped this quickly today, for example instead of saying 'put the jam on the bread' the children decided that 'spread the jam onto 1 slice of bread using a knife' would be a much clearer instruction to give.

Help at Home

As always, reading with your child would benefit them immensely, not only in their reading ability but also with their writing and their spoken language. Please try to read as often as possible with your child and write it in their reading record, so they can get a stamp on their loyalty card when they show their reading record in school.

Please ensure that for Y2 children, any spelling/handwriting homework is returned to school by the day written in the homework book. If it is not returned to school by this day, it then has a knock on effect on the homework for the next week, resulting in your child missing break time to write their spellings into their books.

Other news

Remember it is the Christmas performance at 1.30pm on Tuesday 4th December then 5.30pm on Wednesday 5th December. Please ensure that you send any clothes that have been requested to use as costumes into school, as per any slips that may have been sent home.