

Lower Phase Newsletter

Friday 17th October 2014



Communication, Literacy and Language.

Reception children have been looking at non-fiction books about themselves and comparing them with fiction books. They have learnt that a non fiction book gives us information and that it has a contents page and an index page. We have also learnt about pictures, diagrams and labels.

Vocabulary: Picture, diagram, label, contents page, index page, non fiction, information.

Mathematics

Reception children have been exploring 2D shapes, naming them and their properties. They also made shape and colour repeating patterns, with shaped beads and other shaped equipment. This week they have been learning about length and making direct comparisons of two lengths, as well as making one more and one less of a given number. They are counting out a given number from a larger group and using Numicon to recognise amounts.

Vocabulary: count, number, numeral, how many? same, more, less, the difference. square, triangle, rectangle, circle, oval, hexagon.

In **Literacy, Year 1** children have been looking at Stories in familiar settings and been using the book, Peace at Last. The children have been finding out how stories can be split into a Beginning, Middle and End. They have been sequencing pictures and words from the story and even retelling the story using actions.

The children are loving the story so do get them to retell it to you!

Please keep practicing daily with the reading and word walls that can be found in the children's homework books.

Phonics and home story books

Reception - Please practice sounds daily. Say the sound (phoneme) and show the action. Share your child's picture book with them and write a short comment in the reading diary or initial the space where the title is written. Books will be checked daily. If your child reads 5 times in the week, a sticker will be given on Friday. The will be given a book with words to learn more phonemes and words which they are practising. We are encouraging these skills so they can segment and blend in their reading. Word boxes of cvc.

In **Maths Year 1** children have been using non standard units, such as paint brushes, straws and cubes, as well as standard units to measure. They have been busy out in the ICE zone measuring objects with rulers. They are now moving on to 'addition' and 'subtraction', using the correct vocabulary and signs to say or write their own number sentences.

Homework Just a reminder that all year 1 children need to do 1 Maths and 1 English homework each week.

Knowledge and understanding of the world

HARVEST

Many thanks to all who sent donations of food for our Harvest Festival on Tuesday. The food will be delivered to the St.Neots Food Bank this week. We celebrated Harvest with each class singing a song or rhyme. All classes from nursery to year 6 performed to the school and our special guest, Father Paul.