

## Class 1 Weekly Update- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018

We had a lovely start to the week with Harvest Festival in school. We had decided to learn about apples as they were in our Story Orchestra book we had been reading. The children shared the apples poem they had learnt and then showed some of the work they had been doing about apples. I was really proud of all of them.

This week we read a Sir Charlie Stinky Socks story in which Sir Charlie (a brave knight) goes on a quest to find some treasure. We then used this story as our stimulus for most of our activities. We started the week by going on a quest through the magic gate to find conkers. The children searched for conkers on the school field and then took them back to class. We used the conkers for our maths in which the children had to count the conkers and then subtract several different amounts as the dragon wanted them for his tea. They used the ten frames we had used in previous lessons to do this. I then told the children that I would feed the dragon the conkers later.

Our next activity was to make a map of our quest. The children found it tricky to start with as they were drawing the area from above rather than drawing a picture. When they had drawn the map they then had to label the features and also mark the conkers on with an x.

When we arrived at school on Thursday Sir Charlie had left the children a note saying a dragon had been spotted in school and a teacher had been seen feeding him. They then had to ask me questions about the dragon so they could send Sir Charlie a picture of what he looks like. I gave the children a detailed description and they then had to draw and label the dragon.

We also had an art/science lesson in which the children learnt how different features and colours of scales could be useful to a dragon's survival. They then had to create a dragon of their own and explain to me what sort of climate the dragon was from and why it had particular features. We had some fabulous creations!

As well as our knight and dragon activities we have also continued to learn how to apply split digraph spellings through playing games. We have also continued to learn about numbers and place value. We have specifically focused on which number is more/ less. For some children who still are not confident with numbers to 100 this activity was tricky.

**Next week we would like to continue with our Sir Charlie Stinky Socks story and I would like to make shields with the children. If you have any cardboard boxes or newspaper we could have we would be very grateful. We need lots please! We will be starting the activity on Monday so if you have any please could you send them in for then.**