

Class 1 Weekly Update- Friday 30th November 2018

We started the week reading a story about a girl who wants to be a star. Everyone says her sister is a star and she wishes she could be. We then focussed on what makes us a star. What makes us special? The children did some writing about this and were very clear on what they thought were star qualities- helping at home, sharing, being good at reading. In addition to the writing we also made stars using Hama beads, collage and crayons. I said we would use the stars to make a Christmas tree display next week but the children were so excited we ended up making it that day. So Class 1 has been a bit premature with their Christmas display!

In maths this week we have been reading and writing numbers to 100. We have also been identifying which number is more or less. Most of the children can now read and write numbers to 100. The bit they are finding tricky is to identify which number is higher/lower, more/less. We have been counting in 10s to remind them which order the 10s go in and that is helping.

In phonics we have learnt the oi/oy graphemes and igh. We have also revised some of the previous graphemes.

We have also been reading the first 100 high frequency words. We have been very impressed that a number of children can already read all of them! Our next challenge will be the common exception words. If you are unsure of the two lists of words I am referring to they are the words that were sent home with last year's school report.

Next week we will be having a dress rehearsal of the Christmas production on Friday. We will be performing for the rest of the school. Please can you ensure your child has their clothes with them on Friday. All children are narrators and need to wear smart party clothes. Two of the children are curious sheep and I have discussed the costumes with their parents. Please put their performance clothes in a clearly labelled bag. The children will then bring their clothes home at the end of the day. If you have any questions please email me. I know how hectic and confusing things can be at this time of year!

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