

### Our Values

Respect, Kindness, Resilience,  
Integrity, Honesty and Trust

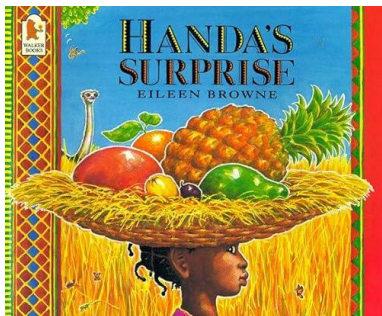


### Our Pledge

- Listen and Learn
- Do our best
- Look after each other
- Look after our school

## Year 1 Newsletter Spring 2 2023

It has been another very busy term in Year 1! In **Literacy** we have been learning about stories with repeating patterns and wrote our own versions of Handa's Surprise. We created story maps, chose our own animals and fruits to include in our stories and finally wrote them up as a book. We even illustrated pictures for our stories. Some of our books have been put up on display in our classroom. It was also really fun to act out the story of Handa's Surprise through role play!



In **Maths** we have been learning all about measuring height and length. We have been comparing objects using the key words: taller, longer and shorter. We had a go at measuring objects using cubes first. Once we got the hang of it, we practiced measuring objects using rulers in centimeters. We learnt that it is very important to line up the 0 with one end of the object to get an accurate measurement. We are now very excited to start learning about mass and volume!



We have been continuing to learn about every day materials in **Science** and have now come to the end of this topic. We have been learning about the uses of materials and why they are suitable for specific objects. We designed and built our own houses for the three little pigs! We had to make sure that they were strong enough to withstand wind, were waterproof and had the basic functions of a house such as windows and a door. We built our houses using materials like thick cardboard, foil and plastic. We discussed the reasons why it would be important to have a waterproof roof and windows made of glass.



In **Geography** this term, we have been learning about 'People and their Communities'. We learnt about the four countries of the United Kingdom and then had a look at coastal, rainforest, dry (desert) and world city locations. We had a look at similarities and contrasts using images, maps, atlases and globes. We also had a go at drawing our own maps of our local area. We plotted places that we are familiar with on our maps such as Stamford Hill Library, Morrisons and the Post office, and we talked the places that are near and far from us. We described these places using words like: place for nature, busy place, quiet, loud etc. and labelled them on our maps.



We have also been very busy practicing reading our phonics words in class every day. Please use the phonics flash card pack that have been provided, to support your child at home.

Thank you!

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