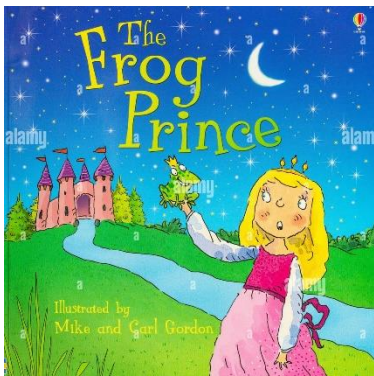




Learning to bring out the best in everyone.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September



Welcome to our first class newsletter. We have had a super start to the year. Our theme for this half term is Castles and this week's focus book was the fairytale *The Frog Prince*.

**LITERACY** We listened to and talked about the story. The children sequenced pictures from the story and the Year 1 children wrote captions. Reception were introduced to the term 'character', and drew the main characters and objects from the story. Some of the

children could say the first letter sound of the words and had a go at writing the letters. Year 1 used adjectives to describe the frog, then wrote them using their phonics knowledge.

**CREATIVE** The children have enjoyed making frogs from handprints and have used various building materials outdoors to build Castles. The role play area is a Castle and we have had lots of princesses in the Class this week. The children have also enjoyed playing with the toy Castle, knights and dragons.

**MATHS** Reception have learnt all about number 1 in a wider context. We discussed units of measure - 1 Kilogram, 1 litre, 1 metre and 1 centimetre. We looked at 1 penny and £1 and talked about what we thought we could buy with them. We looked at a clock showing 1 o'clock. We were introduced to a sphere, which has 1 curved surface.

Year 1 have been focussing on counting objects to 20 in regular and irregular arrangements, as well as estimating amounts. They have counted out amounts from larger groups and have subitised groups of objects and pictures.

**PHONICS** Reception have played sound games using their names, copying when the teacher tapped the beat of their name and using their voices to make different sounds. They have been making animal sounds, and bouncing the first sound of animal names. Year 1 have been recapping the Phase 3 phonemes and graphemes j v w x and the tricky word 'the'.



**HISTORY** The Year 1 children looked at pictures of Castles in Suffolk and other famous buildings and identified which were the Castles. Thomas knew that there was a Castle in Framlingham.

**RE** We talked about our hopes and wishes for the year ahead.

The **Nursery** children have been learning the nursery rhyme Hickory Dickory Dock, and the hand action song Open Them, Close Them. In phonics they have focussed on the sounds that animals make. They have explored mixing colours using paint too. What a busy week!

**REQUEST** Next week we will be doing activities related to vegetables. Please could you send a donation of £1 per child to cover the cost of ingredients for this half term. Thank you for your support with this.

### **PLEASE NOTE**

**Tapestry** We are in the process of enrolling the new children on to our system and it will be up and running for Nursery and Reception very soon.



Our Star of the Week is TJ. He has had a brilliant week and has been working hard on all his learning tasks. Well done, TJ!

### **Home Learning**

**Nursery** Draw or paint a picture of mummy or daddy.

**Reception** Can you stick a photograph of your family doing something you enjoy doing together on a sheet of paper and ask mummy or daddy to write down what you are doing in your words. Have a go at writing your name on the paper.

**Year 1** Find out about a castle (see home learning book) and learn your spellings for a test next Friday.

Have a lovely weekend, Thames Class Team