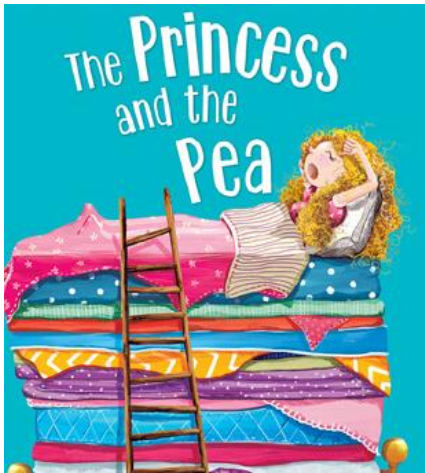




Thames Talk

Learning to bring out the best in everyone.

Friday 20th September



We have had a lovely week in Thames Class. Continuing our theme of Castles, our focus book was The Princess and the Pea.

LITERACY We listened to and talked about the story. The children thought of questions to ask the princess and the Year 1 children wrote questions. We made a big list of all the vegetables we could think of. Reception drew vegetables on a plate, then coloured them using appropriate colours. Some of the children could hear the first letter sound of their vegetables, and some had a go at

copying the letter. The Year 1 children wrote their own version of the story, but they had to change the vegetable, the character, or both. Some of the children used the story starter 'Once upon a time'.

CREATIVE Reception enjoyed making salad kebabs with a repeating pattern, such as



Year 1 have been continuing to look at portraits. This week they focussed on showing emotions in pictures and drew a self-portrait with an emotion.



MATHS Reception have learnt all about number 2 in a wider context. We discussed units of measure – 2 kilograms, 2 litres, 2 metres and 2 centimetres. We looked at a clock showing 2 o'clock. We were introduced to a cone, which has 1 curved surface and 1 flat surface making 2 surfaces. We were introduced to 1 and another 1 makes 2 altogether; and if you have 2 and take away 1 it leaves 1.

Year 1 have been learning to recognise numbers as words. They added 1 more and gave the total. They counted back from 10 and filled in missing numbers and amounts on number lines in a variety of ways.

PHONICS Reception have been focussing on hearing the initial sound of words. Year 1 have been recapping the Phase 3 phonemes and graphemes **y z zz** and **qu** and the tricky word 'she'.

SCIENCE Reception explored building sandcastles and filling the moat with water to watch what happens to the water. Year 1 talked about simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials. They compared and grouped together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties.

HISTORY The Year 1 children looked at pictures of a motte and bailey castle. We talked about the features and the children labelled them (motte, bailey, ditch, castle).

RE We talked about what kindness means. The children gave examples of how to be kind.

The **Nursery** children have made a 'welcome to Nursery' sign together. They enjoyed making prints in the dough and guessing what had made them. They listened to sounds in the environment and talked about zoo animals and the sounds they make.

PLEASE NOTE Your child has chosen a library book to take home to share together. Make story time a cosy time. Read the story to your child, talk about what they can see in the pictures. Can they suggest what they think will happen next? Our library change time is **Friday** afternoon, so they need to bring them back every Friday to be able to choose a new one. Thank you.



Our Star of the Week is Tabatha. She has worked very hard week on all her learning tasks and has been making new friends to play with. Well done, Tabatha!

Well done to everyone who did the home learning tasks last week. We enjoyed looking at your pictures and talking about them.

Home Learning

Nursery Make a collection of big and small objects. Ask an adult to take a photograph of your collection.

Reception Can you put 5 toys in order of size and say which is the biggest and the smallest? Can you do the same with more toys?

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

Have a lovely weekend, Thames Class Team