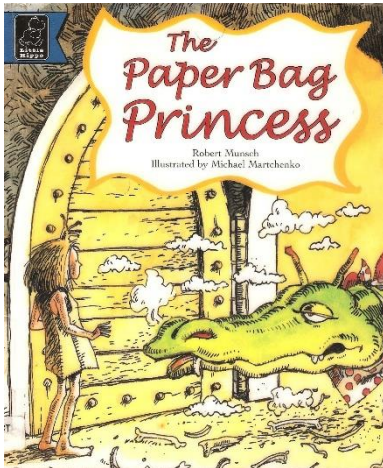


Learning to bring out the best in everyone.

Friday 27th September



We have had a busy week in Thames Class. Continuing our theme of Castles, our focus book was *The Paper Bag Princess* by Robert Munsch and Michael Martchenko.

LITERACY We listened to and talked about the story. The children talked about how to defeat a dragon, and Year 1 wrote numbered instructions. We looked at the illustration of the Princess character and Year 1 wrote descriptions. The Reception children drew a princess and talked about her. Some pieces were very imaginative!

CREATIVE We looked at photos of a real princess (Princess Charlotte) in play clothes and in a royal gown. The children looked carefully at the pictures, then had a go at drawing their own version of one of the portraits. They also decorated a paper dress to become paper bag princes and princesses.

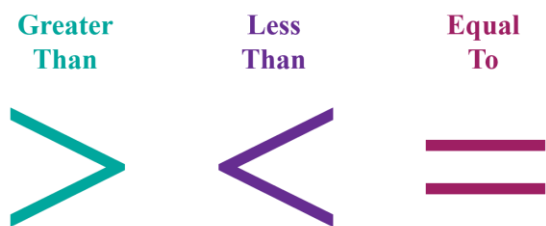


Year 1 have been continuing to look at portraits. This week they looked at a self-portrait by Frida Kahlo and commented on it, then drew a coloured sketch of it. TJ said, "I like all the colours."

By Arthur (left) and Iris (right)

MATHS Reception have learnt all about number 3 in a wider context. We discussed units of measure – 3 kilograms, 3 litres, 3 metres and 3 centimetres. We looked at a clock showing 3 o'clock. We were introduced to a cylinder, which has 1 curved surface and 2 flat surfaces making 3 surfaces altogether. We were introduced to 1 and 1 and 1 makes 3, also 2 and 1, and 1 and 2 makes 3, using counting apparatus, pennies and pound coins.

Year 1 have been learning to identify which in pairs of objects has less than, greater than and an equal amount. We used these symbols to show this with pairs of objects.



SYMBOL	WORDS	EXAMPLE
>	greater than	10 > 3
<	less than	2 < 6

PHONICS Reception have been focussing on hearing the initial sound of words and listening carefully to and copying rhythm patterns. Year 1 have been learning or recapping the Phase 3 digraphs **ch sh th** and **ng** and the tricky word 'we'.

HISTORY I read questions about castles and pairs of or three possible answers to the Year 1 children. They had to identify which answer was correct. They also drew and labelled verbally a motte and bailey castle.

RE We talked about belonging to a Christian community. Some children told us that they go to the church, while others talked about going to the chapel.

The **Nursery** children have focussed on 'shape' this week, learning to recognise circles, triangles, squares and rectangles.

In addition to our learning this week, we have been carrying out the statutory Reception Baseline Assessments. We will complete them next week.



Our Star of the Week is Patsy. She has been listening carefully and working very hard week on all her learning tasks and has answered lots of questions on the carpet. Well done, Patsy!

Home Learning

Nursery Can you find objects in your home that are circles, squares and triangles? Perhaps you could draw round them to make a picture.

Reception Play I Spy, using initial letter sounds. If you can do this really well try using 'something that rhymes with...'

Year 1 Talk with a parent about what groups you belong to (see home learning book) and learn your spellings for a test next Friday.

Have a lovely weekend, Thames Class Team