



# Thames Talk

Learning to bring out the best in everyone.

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

We have come to the end of a very busy half term for Thames Class. The Reception children are well settled and have made a good start to school. The Nursery children have settled in and have made friends with some of the older children. The Year 1 children have been working hard on their new curriculum. Well done everyone!

We have completed our theme of Castles. This week we focussed on the legend of St George and the Dragon. We looked at pictures and watched an animated version of the story.

**LITERACY** We discussed what we could see in the pictures and talked about the events in the story. Some children drew illustrations. The Year 1 children have written exclamation sentences punctuated with an exclamation mark.

**CREATIVE** We enjoyed making delicious jam tarts. "We had to roll the dough. We had to cut them. Patsy did the jam. They taste very, very lovely." (Maeve)



Now that our clay dragons have dried, some of us painted them. "I rolled it, I made it a big flat tail, and then I made a eye and a mouth." (Nancy)

**MATHS** Reception have been introduced to number 7 in all its formats. 7 objects for counting, 7 Numicon piece, 7p, 7 o'clock etc. We looked at its position on a number line and said the numbers before and after. We also went over the names of all the 3D shapes we have been learning about by playing some shape games.

Year 1 have been working on part part whole, finding missing numbers in number sentences and addition in more depth.

**PHONICS** Reception have been continuing to focus on initial letter sounds, rhymes and blends, in preparation for starting Phase 2 after the holiday. Year 1 have been learning or recapping the Phase 3 digraphs/trigraphs **air** and **ur** the tricky word **all**.



**HISTORY** Year 1 have used their knowledge of Castles to build a Castle using construction equipment. Iris and Arthur made a motte and bailey Castle, with all the features. Jack also used Lego to create a sword and shield.



**PSHE** We joined in with the words and actions of a dragon song. In the song the dragon is happy, sad, angry and excited. We talked about these emotions and showed them with our faces and bodies.

The **Nursery** children have listened to the story Night Monkey, Day Monkey. They made rubbings of wild animals and played with the toy animals. They made musical instruments and used them to play along to songs.

**Please note!** The Reception children have a reading book in a folder with a reading record and a rocket card to sign each day that your child reads. Please only record the reading and your child's responses to the school reading book in the record book, not other books they read. We aim to hear the children read twice a week and will change the book at this time if we think the child is ready for a new one. Please make sure their reading folder is in their bag every day.



Our Star of the Week this week is **Iris**. She has worked very hard, and with lots of enthusiasm. Well done, **Iris!**

### Home Learning

- Nursery** Talk about what you wear on a wet day. Get out the clothes you need. Can you put them on yourself? Can you name all the items of clothing?
- Reception** Collect small items that are circles, triangles, squares, and rectangles (and pentagons/hexagons/heptagons if you find any). Use them to make a picture and draw round them. Describe the properties of each shape.
- Year 1** Learn your new spellings and go over all the words you have learnt so far. Can you put your words into interesting sentences?

Have a lovely week, Thames Class Team