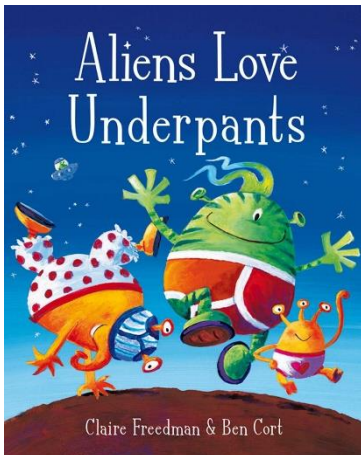




Learning to bring out the best in everyone.

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January



We have had a very busy week in Thames Class. Our focus book this week was 'Aliens Love Underpants' by Claire Freedman and Ben Cort.

**LITERACY** The Reception children sequenced 4 pictures from the book and wrote words or a sentence about the story. They drew aliens and described them, using phonics to give them an alien name. They also read alien words comprising the sounds they have learnt. The Year 1 children have completed the preparation days and have planned their own story based on 'The Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers that we have been

stacking sentences about over this half term. They will use their story plans to write their own stories next week.

**MATHS** Reception have been learning about 13. They counted to 13, found 13 on a number line, and talked about the value of 13, finding different ways to make 13 using various resources. They also counted and added two groups of aliens and wrote number sentences. Year 1 have been working on subtraction by using known number bonds, and by counting back using a number line. They were introduced to the concept of finding the difference between two amounts, pictorially and using counting apparatus.

**PHONICS** Reception are revisiting Phase 2, focussing on letter formation of ck e u r, and reading and writing CVC words. Year 1 have continued Phase 5, alternative ways of writing graphemes oa – ow (as in grow), o-e (as in home), oe (as in toe), and o (as in cold).

**HISTORY** The Year 1 children learnt about Rosa Parks a black American woman who refused to move out of her seat on the bus to let a white person sit there when the driver told her to move. We talked about whether what she did was a good thing. Some children said she was good because the rule was a bad rule, and she should not have been arrested. Some children said she should have followed the rule.

**CREATIVE** The children made underpants jigsaws, cutting out the pieces and putting them back together again.

**RE** The children listened to the parable of the two builders from the New Testament of the Bible, and talked about why it is wise to build on rock and foolish to build on sand.

The **Nursery** children have shared the story 'Here Come The Aliens!' The children created their own alien using paper shapes. With a little support they named the shapes as they chose them and stuck them on.

Sonny said, "Mines called Stinky Winky. He's a good alien."

Wilbur said, "Mines Stinky Winky too."

Oran said, "My alien's called Sconky Wonky Wonky. He's nice."

Rowan said, "Mines called Rowan too. The same as me."

They were also introduced to sound socks. They felt them, shook them and listened to the sound they made. Then they guessed what was in the socks. They opened them up to see if they were right. They talked about the type of sound they made; loud, quiet, soft, hard, rustling, crunchy.



Our Star of the Week is **Leo** who has worked hard and been very kind and helpful. Well done, **Leo**!

**REMINDER** If you haven't already signed up for parents' consultations, the sheet is in the Reception foyer.

## Home Learning

- Nursery** Can you clap the syllables of your name and other people in your family?
- Reception** Daily reading; Practise writing numbers to 13. Make sure they are formed correctly. Make sure that you are holding your pencil in a 3 finger (tripod) grip.



- Year 1** Daily reading; book recommendation sheet in homework book; practise new spellings.

Have a lovely weekend, Thames Class Team