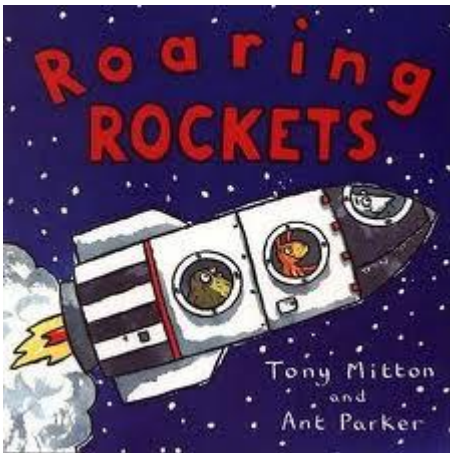




Learning to bring out the best in everyone.

Friday 14th February



What a busy week – we have come to the end of another half term. We have enjoyed our space topic this term. Our focus book this week was *Roaring Rockets* by Tony Mitton and Ant Parker. The Reception children drew themselves in a rocket and labelled it. They used the camera function in Purple Mash to photograph themselves in a rocket. They also pretended to get dressed for space, then sequenced four pictures and matched sentences to them.

Last week we learnt about Chinese New Year. We watched films about families celebrating Chinese New Year on CBeebies. We wrote facts about Chinese New Year and some of us drew the animals in the order that they crossed the finishing line in the legend of how the Chinese zodiac years got their names. We learnt that this year is the Year of the Snake. We enjoyed pretending to make Chinese food in the kitchen. We also looked at and copied some Chinese writing to make happy new year cards.

LITERACY The Year 1 children have started a non-fiction unit on the seasons. This week we focussed on spring, collecting vocabulary to create sentences.

MATHS Reception have been learning about 14 and 15. They also focussed on recognising and describing 2D shapes, and capacity. They looked at lots of different containers and then guessed which ones held the most water, then investigated the capacity of each one and ordered them. They enjoyed using the different containers in the water tray, along with measuring jugs. Year 1 have been solving missing number problems using bar models and part part whole models.

PHONICS Reception are revisiting Phase 2, focussing on letter formation of h b f l ff ll ss, and reading and writing CVC words. Year 1 have continued Phase 5, alternative ways of writing the phoneme or – aw (as in saw), au (as in sauce), and al (as in walk).

CREATIVE The children have used junk modelling and construction kits to make rockets.



HISTORY The Year 1 children learnt about Mary Seacole, who set up her own hospital to care for soldiers during the Crimea War.



RE The Year 1 children visited St Peter and St Paul's Church to find out more about parables. Reverend Susan taught them the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin.



The **Nursery** children have been finding and ordering the letters of their names. They also worked on pencil control. In Phonics they played the silly soup game – sorting objects that begin with the sound s.



Our **Star of the Week** is **Arthur** who has worked hard, a fact the whole group agreed with, and been very kind and helpful. Well done, **Arthur!**

PLEASE NOTE It was lovely to see so many parents at the consultations last week. We were very pleased with your comments and agree that the children are doing well.

Nursery parents If you would like to meet with Mrs Bishop to talk about how your child is getting on, you are welcome to arrange with her to come in at 3.00 one day (the Nursery children will join Reception and Year 1 for story time on these days).

Home Learning

Nursery Go on a sound walk. How many different sounds can you hear?

Reception Continue to read to an adult every day. When you can read the book fluently, read it again adding expression, and answer questions about the story.

Year 1 Continue to read to an adult every day. When you can read the book fluently, work on adding expression and different voices for the characters.

Have a lovely week, Thames Class Team