

A MESSAGE FROM YEAR ONE

What a busy start to the new school year Starling and Goldfinch class have had! We are very impressed with how the children have settled into Year 1 and their enthusiasm towards the learning. The children have all adapted well to the changes of KS1 and should be proud of the fantastic work they have produced!

This term we have enjoyed getting stuck into our first topic 'Out and About'.

In Geography, we have been learning all about our local area by exploring the school grounds, Forest School and even Mile Oak! We have begun using atlases, Google Maps and Google Earth to find where we are in the world and to help us name and locate the United Kingdom's countries. We have also spoken about the changes that are happening in our local area, such as the seasons and weather changing.

To consolidate the learning of our Out and About topic, we went on a walk around the local area stopping at key landmarks such as the Church of the Good Shepherd and Mile Oak Farm. We were so lucky to have a talk from Father David who told us about the different celebrations and ceremonies that are held at the Church. Hannah from Mile Oak Farm taught us about different landscapes on the farm and we made landscape pictures using natural resources- it was such fun!

Throughout this half term we have been working on our Year 1 "writing rules" within English. We can all tell you what a good sentence needs and we put this into practice when writing a recount of our school trip!

We have started our Guided Reading lessons where we have read the texts 'Ruby's Worry', 'On Sudden Hill' and 'Town Mouse, Country Mouse'. We have been learning about the VIPERS and applying these reading skills whilst reading our class readers- perhaps your child can tell you what one of the VIPERS skills are?

In Maths, we have been continuing using Mastering Number to help develop our fluency in number bonds to 10. We have then been practising these skills using Numbots on the iPads. The children have thoroughly enjoyed playing the Numbots games and sharing how many coins they have earned at home! Some children have already won their first ever Numbots certificate – keep up the good work everyone!

We hope you all have a relaxing half term and are excited for our next topic 'Traditional Tales'.



... The Year 1 Team

