

Weekly Learning Letter

Year One – Week Commencing 4th October

This week in Year One...

We have begun our science this week and have been looking at Seasonal Change. We have chosen a tree in our school field to watch throughout the year and see how it changes through the seasons. We noticed that the leaves are turning red/brown and are starting to fall from the trees. We found some conkers and learnt new vocabulary to label our tree.

Here is our key vocabulary to practise at home:

Key Word	Definition
hibernate	to spend the winter in a special kind of sleep
migrate	to move from one place to another. Swallows and some butterflies migrate from the UK for the winter.
temperature	the measured amount of heat
thermometer	a device used to measure temperature
summer solstice	The longest day of the year – 21 st June
Winter solstice	The shortest day of the year – 21 st December

Reminder

We will be having our Superhero Day on **Wednesday 20th October**. The children will be given the chance to dress up as an everyday superhero, or one from a film or story they enjoy.

Thank You for the support for Forest School – we are very excited to go again next week. Please can you send your child in in their uniform with a bag of clothes to change into.

Please continue to send in plastic bottles for our science learning this week.

Maths

In Maths this week we have been looking at a part whole models. The children have been separating a whole into two different parts – we have done this with practical resources as well as images. The children have also looked at relating what they have done with part whole models to addition number sentences such as $5 + 2 = 7$. To finish off the week we have looked at fact families, using the equals sign to show that the number sentence needs to balance with the total e.g.

$$5 + 2 = 7$$

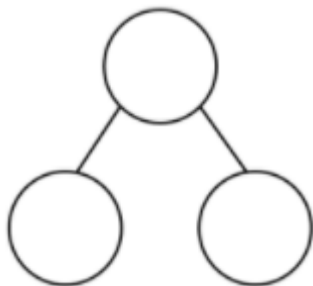
$$2 + 5 = 7$$

	$7 = 5 + 2$ $7 = 2 + 5$
English	<p>The children continued to work on the story of Charlie's Superhero Underpants. The children have written a postcard from Charlie to his mum, telling her where he has been on his journey. The children have also created their own story mountain showing the 5 different parts of the story (opening, build up, problem, solution, ending). The children then innovated their story mountain, changing a certain aspect of it, and finally wrote out their own story innovation.</p>
Phonics	<p>In Phonics, we have recapped our work on the different ways of making 'ai'. The children have also moved onto the different ways of making 'ee'. We have looked at:</p> <p>ee in sheet ea in beat e-e in Pete</p> <p>The children have loved playing Splat the word, as well as Roll and Read with the dice.</p> <p>Thank you for the support when attending our phonics session on Wednesday.</p>
This week's spellings:	<p>Our spellings for this week are:</p>

To support your child's learning at home this week you could...

You could have a go at making your own Splat game. Write down a few words which have the different ways of making 'ee' such as (sheet, beat, clean, see, sea, Pete, Steve). We would love to see you playing this on seesaw.

You could have a go at creating your own part whole model at home. You could use conkers to represent each number inside it.



Retell your innovated version and act it out using actions.

Create a piece of art to represent the colours and shapes of Autumn. We would love to see this on seesaw.










Year 1 – Seasonal Change
 Prior Learning – EYF5 observations
 of changes around them.

UK squirrels do not hibernate, although they may not leave their nest very much if they have food stored in there.

Deciduous trees may look dead in Winter. They shed their leaves to save energy and water, and so they do not get blown over in the wind. Find the buds on the twigs.

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Animals that hibernate in the UK	
hedgehog	
dormouse	
bat	
bumblebee	
ladybird	
frog and toad	
grass snake	

Weather

hail	pellets of frozen rain
fog	a thick cloud of tiny water droplets
mist	a thin cloud of tiny water droplets
lightning	a flash of electricity between a cloud and the ground
thunder	a loud rumbling or crashing noise after a flash of lightning

The UK Seasons

