



St John's Green Primary School

First Footsteps

Foundation & Year 1 Weekly Newsletter

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THIS WEEK:

Class Awards

Lower Phase Reading

Learning in Foundation

Learning in Year 1

Foundation Nativity

DIARY DATES:

Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th,
Thursday 17th December
Foundation Nativity 10am

Friday 11th December
Christmas Jumper Day, £1 donation

Friday 18th December
Last day of Autumn Term

Lower Phase Reading

- Well done! Last week was a more successful week for the Lower Phase reading, with all the classes getting 90% and over.
- We are nearly at the end of the Autumn term and the children who have achieved 100% five times a week reads will be receiving their bronze badges and certificates.

Class	% Reading
Star	91%
Jumbo	96%
Chariot	91%
Roses	91%
Eagles	96%
Circus	94%

We ♥
Maths

We are all
writers ...



We are growing
our learning



Learning in Year 1



Last week saw another busy learning week in the Year 1 classes. In Numeracy the children were developing their knowledge of measuring the length of objects using a range of items including bricks, feet and hands. The children started the week by rehearsing how to accurately measure the length of an object and how to record their observations. As

the week progressed, and their measuring skills developed, they started estimating the length of items and then measuring them to check their answers.

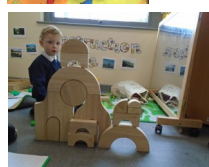
In Literacy the children used 'Mog and the Christmas Calamity' as a stimulus to support their skills of retelling of a story. Once they had watched and listened to the story, they created freeze frame pictures of events in the story so they could create their own story map. This in turn supported the children's oral retelling of the story and next week it will be used as starting point to adapt the story so they can write their own version of it.



Learning in the Foundation Classes



In the Foundation classes bridge making was used as a way to develop the children's understanding of space and shape. In talk partners they were set a challenge to create a bridge using a range of resources including; wooden bricks, Duplo, recycled materials and newspaper. The children were very creative with their ideas and produced some fantastic structures. They were then asked to share with the class how they had made their bridges and answer questions set by their peers, which supported their speaking and listening skills. When the children were outside they moved the learning forward by introducing the story of the 'Three Billy Goats Gruff' to their play. There were some brilliant bridges and very scary trolls hiding underneath them.



Last week, amidst much excitement, our new water feature was installed. This apparatus is made up of different levels and will have a constant flow of water running into the mud digging area. It was very popular with the children who sent plastic ducks down the levels, made dams, played in the water and digging in the mud.



Lower phase School Counsellors

The new school counsellors for the Lower Phase are:

Foundation—Grace Cowley,
Louie Galloway & Oscar Waltho.
Year 1—Aws Al-Khaldi, Eowyn
Chambers & Ross Chapell.

The counsellors held their first meeting last week with a dedicated member of staff supporting them. After each meeting the children will feedback to their class about their discussions from the meeting and gain ideas from the classes.



Class Awards

- Well done to these children who have impressed their class teachers last week.
- Star:** Ella-Mae Newell for her improved listening and attention during whole class teaching.
- Chariot:** Taliyah Dixon for her fantastic attitude towards her learning.
- Jumbo:** Beanie Uren for increased participation and enthusiasm in all areas of learning.
- Circus:** Daniel Caniparu for the effort he is putting into his independent writing.
- Eagles:** Ore Tu Odunaike for the brilliant retelling of the Mog and the Christmas Calamity story.
- Roses:** Yuki Chen for her perseverance towards her learning.



The Secret in the Shed

Foundation Nativity

Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th,
Thursday 17th December
10.00 a.m.

At Abbey Field Site

