

Dear parents and carers,

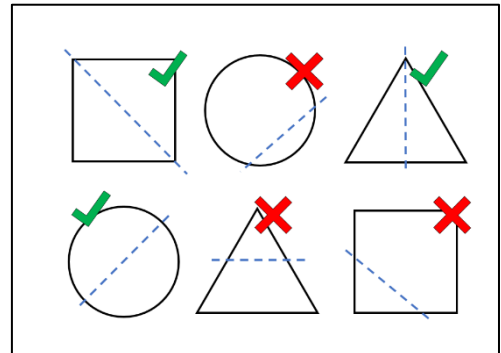
There has been great excitement in Year 1 this week as we have seen huge changes to the beans in our bean investigations! As well as learning the names for the parts of a plant—root, shoot, stem, leaf, petal, flower—we are finding out that plants really do need water and light to grow and to be healthy.

As scientists, we are using our observation skills to notice the changes and are thinking about the predictions we made.

We have also been remembering that humans grow and change too—form cute babies and toddlers into strong, capable 5 and 6 year olds. We know that humans need water and light as well as sleep, food and exercise too!

Maths

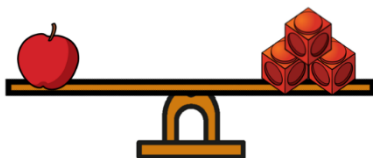
We have explored half of a shape this week and learned that two parts are only halves if they are equal in size.



We have also begun looking at mass and weighing. The children have had a great time using balance scales to weigh objects around the classrooms.



The mass of the apple is 3 cubes.



The apple is heavier than a cube.
The mass of the apple is greater than the mass of a cube.

RE

In RE we are continuing to learn about events in the life of Jesus and the stories he told. We will be reading 'The Blind Man' and 'Calming the storm'.

Phonics and Tricky Words

This week, we have carried on practising all the phonics we have learned so far in Year 1 in advance of the Phonics Screening Check which takes place in June.

This week we focused on:

Phonics

'ue' as in blue and rescue

'ew' as in new and flew

'u-e' as in cube and rule

'aw' as in claw, straw, paw, yawn, jaw and saw

Tricky words

today, their, people, your, any

Diary Dates...

We have our Wisley trip on the 18th of May. Your child will need:

- ✓ A packed lunch – remember, no nuts!
- ✓ A water bottle
- ✓ A rain coat and/or a sun hat! Please look at the weather forecast.
- ✓ Trainers for running around and normal school uniform.

Resources to help with learning at home...

- 100 square...

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/paint-the-squares>

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

- Details for parents about phonics and reading are available on the link below.

<https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Thank you for all your continued support with your children's learning!

Best wishes,

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