



Learning Update 17.5.19

Where is the time going? We are just getting into our topic and half term is almost here! I hope your Space booklets are coming along nicely.

Lots of fun and learning again in Year 1 this week!

In English this week we read 'Aliens Love Underpants.' We talked about the setting, characters and order of the story. We designed and made our own 'pan-tastic' pants which are now hanging on a washing line in our classroom. We also added speech bubbles to a picture from the story. I also spent some time this week working individually with each child on phonics and assessing high frequency words spellings.

In Maths we focussed on fractions this week. So far we have looked at fractions of shapes – next week we will look at fractions of numbers. We challenged ourselves in Maths to see who could be the first to find out how to quarter a triangle!

In Topic this week we found out and wrote about Tim Peake. We also watched some Brian Cox Little Stargazing clips about space! In Art we looked at the picture 'Starry Night' by Vincent Van Gogh and then we did our own interpretations!

PE was on Wednesday afternoon with Mr Shaw (we missed my lesson as Year 6 were busy with SATs) and Music was with Mrs Marsh.

Just a reminder, we have the Year 1 Phonics Screening coming up this term. The children have been very well prepared. It would help us hugely if, as part of reading and homework, you would visit the Phonics Play website to look at the Reading Robot game in Phase 5 interactive resources. This is encouraging the sounding out of real and pseudo words.

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/member-only/ReadingRobotTest.html>

Don't forget to send in junk modelling materials on Monday ready for our rocket designing next Thursday!

The weather is very changeable at the moment. Please consider this carefully each day. We do send the children out if we can, so a raincoat is a good idea. We have also had some rather warm days this week – sending your child with a hat would be a good idea.

I'm trying to encourage the children to have a healthy snack each day at playtime. They don't always like the choice of fruit we provide so maybe bringing something from home would be sensible.

I am sending home a questionnaire about your child's swimming ability for you to complete and return on Monday please, as we plan to start swimming after half term. It would really help me if you could fill it in as honestly and as much as possible 😊

Thank you and have a lovely weekend,