

Hello everyone,

In our Literacy sessions we looked at the new phonic sounds y and z. We learned the actions from the scheme and the set of rhymes to form the letter when writing.

y – for yo-yo – moving your hand up and down as if moving a yo-yo.

(formation rhyme –down a horn, up a horn, down and under his head)

z – for zip –the action as if doing up a zip on a jacket.

(formation rhyme – zig, zag, zig)



Based on our book of the fortnight, The Dragon Painter, we made up hyphenated colour phrases to match different coloured dragons. E.G. dolphin-blue, lava-red and my favourite cucumber-green. We wrote a Thank you letter to Santa, having a try at spelling some words independently. I am encouraging the children to have a go and trying to reassure them that as long as they are trying I do not mind if they are wrong. At this stage I am really pleased if they can write the initial letter sound of the word they want to write and any other letters are a big bonus. I will next be hoping they can hear final sounds and be able to write starting and ending letters of words independently. Finally in Literacy we did phonic work focussing on our letters of the week, y and z.



In our maths we did some more problem solving but used our subtraction skills this week. We also looked at measuring and started by ordering objects of different sizes one day and then moved on to estimating then measuring the lengths of objects around the classroom using non-standard forms of measurement. We used finger width, hand span, our feet and leg strides to measure with.



As part of our topic work we looked at the different parts of a castle and matched pictures to labels naming them.



In our creative session on Friday we finished off drawing our own castles getting ready to paint castles this week coming as one of our Missions in class.

In Move it Monday we started our gymnastic sessions for the term. We explored moving on 1 foot, 2 feet, high and low and learned some body shapes standing and sitting tuck and the dish and arch.

On Friday this week I sent home reading folders with the other half of the class. Due to only having limited numbers of each phonic book, children will not all have them in order but I will ensure the books they have we will have studied the sounds of in class. We will start to listen to children, who had red book bags, read this Monday and will send home book bags with new books Friday. I can't wait to see how the children have responded and enjoyed their books and know the progress they make will make us all so proud.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Thomas & Mrs Jojo.

x 'I'm so proud of you!' x

