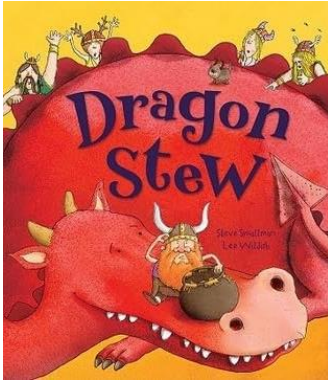


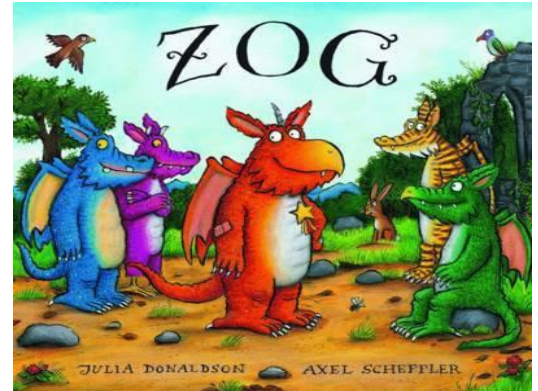


Learning to bring out the best in everyone.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October



We have had a busy fortnight in Thames Class. Continuing our theme of Castles, our focus book last week was *Dragon Stew* by Steve Smallman and this week we focussed on the *Zog* books by Julia Donaldson.



**LITERACY** We created a list of items to put in a pot of dragon stew, Reception by drawing, and Year 1 by writing. We talked about positional words (in, on, under, next to, behind and above). Year 1 wrote instructions for how to rescue a princess, including some positional words.

**CREATIVE** We have used a wide range of materials to create artwork, including leaf rubbings and prints, marks in clay, and free painting.

Year 1 have been continuing to look at portraits. They have painted their own portraits and are starting to create the botanical background by making leaf shapes on printing blocks.

**MATHS** Reception have learnt all about numbers 4 and 5 in a wider context. We discussed units of measure – kilograms, litres, metres and centimetres. We looked at a clock showing 4 and 5 o'clock. We were introduced to a triangular-based pyramid, which has 4 flat surfaces, and a square-based pyramid and triangular prism, which both have 5 flat surfaces. We worked on simple addition up to 5 and subtraction within 5. We sang 5 Currant Buns, then drew 5 currant buns in a shop and talked about how many are left when we take 1 away.

Year 1 have been ordering numbers and objects by value and size, revisiting  $>$   $<$   $=$ . We looked at number lines to 10, finding numbers before/after/greater than/ less than, and beginning to count on. We worked on addition using the part part whole model, and fact families, such as  $4+2=6$ ,  $2+4=6$ ,  $6=4+2$  and  $6=2+4$ . They have also been learning some number bonds up to 10.

**PHONICS** Reception have been focussing on hearing the initial sound of words and listening carefully to and copying rhythm patterns. They have also been listening to rhymes, and identifying rhyming words. Year 1 have been learning or recapping the Phase 3 digraphs **ch sh th** and **ng** and the tricky words **we** and **be**.

**HISTORY** Year 1 have been learning the names of the 4 countries of the UK and their capital cities. They looked at and discussed pictures of Castles that are located in the 4 countries. Reception looked at pictures of old and new buildings and talked about why they think they are old or new.

**PSHE/RE** We talked about what makes us frightened, what we do when we are frightened and how we can feel braver.

The **Nursery** children have enjoyed exploring slime and mark-making using objects in paint, including dinosaur footprints and printing using leaves. They worked in a small group to create characters from The Gruffalo book which they really like.



Our **Star of the Week** this week is Maeve. She has joined in with learning on the Carpet with lots of enthusiasm and has done super work. Well done, Maeve!

**Please note!** Our meeting for Reception parents is next Wednesday at 5.00pm. We will be talking about how we teach reading, phonics and maths. We hope to see you there.

### Home Learning

- Nursery** Find something for each colour of the rainbow. Name the object and the colour. Paint or collage a rainbow.
- Reception** Practise writing your name. You could use paint, crayons, felt-tipped pens, glitter pens.
- Year 1** Number bonds (see home learning book) and learn your spellings for a test next Friday.

Have a lovely weekend, Thames Class Team