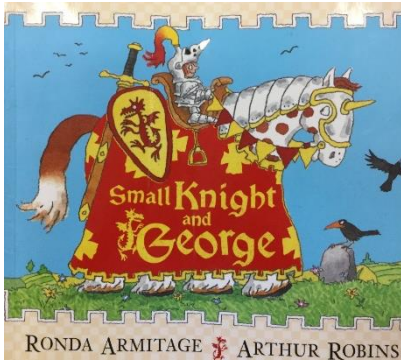




Learning to bring out the best in everyone.

Friday 18th October



It has been a busy week in Thames Class. Continuing our theme of Castles, our focus book this week was *Small Knight and George* by Ronda Armitage and Arthur Robins.

LITERACY We talked about dragons and the Year 1 children wrote a factual report on dragons. We reread the story and joined in with the words that Small Knight said, then we made marks or wrote sentences in a speech bubble.

CREATIVE We looked at pictures of dragons and made clay dragons and painted them. Some children decided to paint bus stop signs outside too. Year 1 have been continuing to look at portraits. They used their printing blocks to create a background.

MATHS Reception have learnt all about number 6 in a wider context. We discussed units of measure – 6 kilograms, 6 litres, 6 metres and 6 centimetres. We looked at a clock showing 6 o'clock. We were introduced to a cube and cuboid, which both have 6 flat surfaces. We worked on simple addition up to 6 and subtraction within 6.

Year 1 have been working on solving addition problems using counting apparatus, part part whole, and their number bonds knowledge. These included working out a missing number

e.g. $5 + \square = 8$.



PHONICS Reception have been focussing on initial letter sounds, rhymes and blends. Year 1 have been learning or recapping the Phase 3 digraphs **oi** **ear** and **air** and the tricky word **you**.

HISTORY Year 1 have been learning facts about the Tower of London, including where it is, when it was built and what you can see there. They filled in a fact sheet.

RE We talked about Christian Baptism. Some children said they had been to a christening in the church. The Year 1 children visited the Baptist Chapel and Pastor Stuart talked to them about what baptism means and what happens in the service.



The **Nursery** children have enjoyed exploring our musical instruments this week. They closed their eyes to see if they could say which instrument was playing. They also did fingerpainting, played with pasta in the water tray and played with wild animals in the sand.



Our **Star of the Week** this week is **Ivy** She has been so enthusiastic about her learning, answering lots of questions in our Class learning times on the Carpet and has done some super work. Well done, **Ivy!**

Thank you to those parents who came to the parents' evening and the Reading and Maths Information Evening. We hope they were useful. If you have any questions about what you heard, please come and ask us. If you were unable to attend, the handouts were sent home with your child on Thursday. The presentations are on the school website (Curriculum – EYFS).

Please note The Reception children have been given their first reading book without words. They are very excited about sharing it with you! Please send it into school in their book bag every day. Thank you.

Home Learning

Nursery Go on an autumn treasure hunt. Make a collection of autumn objects. Can you find 3 of each object. Use them to make a picture.

Reception Use an egg box and six of two types of objects, e.g. conkers, marbles, buttons or acorns. Put different amounts of the objects and make an addition sum verbally. E.g., 4 conkers plus 2 acorns makes 6 altogether. Have a go at writing the numbers.

Year 1 Phonics (see home learning book) and learn your spellings for a test next Friday.

Have a lovely weekend, Thames Class Team