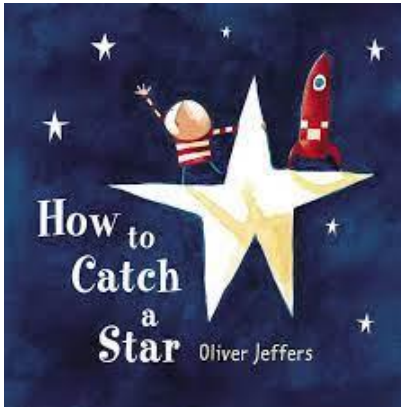




Thames Talk

Learning to bring out the best in everyone.

Friday 10th January



HAPPY NEW YEAR! Our theme for this half term is Space.

It has been a very busy week in Thames Class. This week our focus book was 'How to Catch a Star' by Oliver Jeffers.

LITERACY The children wrote in speech bubbles what they thought the boy was saying in one of the pictures. They also sequenced pictures from the story and talked about the events. The Year 1 children wrote one or more sentences to go with each of six pictures from the story.

MATHS We have been focussing on 2D and 3D shapes – sorting, naming and talking about the properties. Year 1 sorted a collection of 3D shapes according to whether they would roll, stack or both. They concluded that they roll on the curved surfaces and stack on the flat faces. They also discussed positions of particular shapes in models. The Reception children also investigated sharing amounts up to 10 in different ways. They counted back from 10 to 1 or 0 and added a 'blast-off!'

PHONICS Reception are revisiting Phase 2, focussing on letter formation, and reading and writing CVC words. Year 1 have started Phase 5, alternative ways of writing graphemes wh (w), ph (f), and ay (ai).

SCIENCE We looked at how things change – how trees change through the seasons, what happens as an apple decays, and how people change as they grow.



In the story, the boy had lunch. We talked about healthy food and the children collected together food to make a healthy lunch. "You'd have fruit and vegetables." (Grace) "Tomato, lettuce and bread. I also would have ham. Pear is healthy, bread is healthy and sweetcorn, and lettuce and apple and Lemon. Waffle isn't healthy, or doughnut or pizza or cake." (Leo)



HISTORY This half term the Year 1 children are learning about famous women in history. This week we learnt about the brave queen, Boudicca.



CREATIVE We made and decorated salt dough stars using cotton buds to add detail. We have also enjoyed creating models with sparkly yellow playdough.

Year 1 are focussing on pottery this half term. This week we looked at and discussed pots created by the famous ceramist, by Emma Bridgewater, talking about which ones we liked and why.

The Nursery children have been talking about winter and what to wear in cold weather. They dressed jigsaw bears in suitable clothes. They sang the action song 'Here we go round the Mulberry Bush'. They also talked about what they received for Christmas.



Our Star of the Week this week is **Alice**. She has impressed us with how hard she has worked on lots of activities. Well done, **Alice!**

THANK YOU so much for our Christmas gifts and cards. We hope you all had a good holiday. It is good to see the children back in school, especially the ones who were unwell at the end of last term.

REQUEST We need to replenish our junk modelling box. Can you send in small boxes and long tubes. Please make sure that they did not contain nut or dairy products, please.

Home Learning

Nursery Can you sing 5 Little Men in a Flying Saucer. There is a link here. [Five little men in a flying saucer - BBC Teach](#)

Reception Write, cut and stick, or draw a list of items that give us light. Please put it on Tapestry if you can. If you're not sure how to do this, there are parents who know how to do it, or you could ask one of the staff to help you.

Year 1 It is essential that the children read every day with an adult. Shopping sheet in homework book. Practise new spellings.

Have a lovely weekend, Thames Class Team