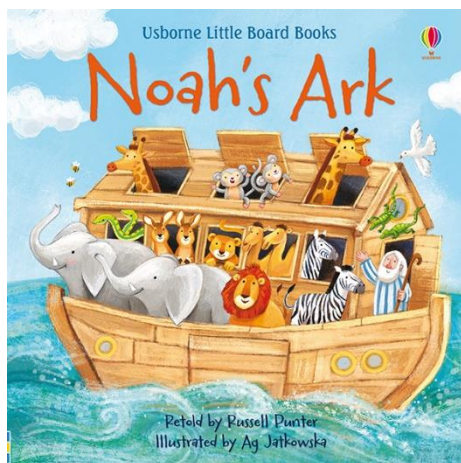




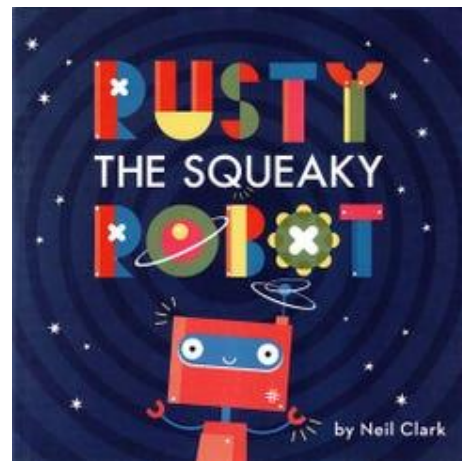
Thames Talk

Learning to bring out the best in everyone.

Friday 2nd May



We have had a busy two weeks in Thames Class. This half term our theme is materials. Last week we focussed on wood and our theme story was Noah's Ark. This week we focussed our learning on metal and our theme book was Rusty the Squeaky



Robot by Neil Clark.

Reception wrote a character profile of Rusty using pairs of adjectives combined with the word 'and'. They talked about what other items are made from metal and wrote a list using their phonics knowledge. Some of the children talked about metal objects at home and how they get rusty if they are left outside. The children explored a range of objects with magnets of different sizes, and talked about which objects the magnets could pick up and why.

Year 1 have completed the work on The Flower in Literacy. We talked about high points and low points in the story. After that they planned their own stories, deciding upon their own characters and a sequence of events. Then they wrote their own stories. In **Science** the children identified and named a variety of common wild and garden plants. In **History** the children talked to their parents about a holiday they had when they were 6 years old. Next week they will be learning about what holidays were like when their grandparents were 6 years old.

MATHS Reception have made number bond stories using the Noah's Ark animals. They also counted them in twos. This week they used the balance scales to find out which of a pair of objects was heavier or lighter. Some children could order 3 objects by weight: Rory gave us a good explanation.

Year 1 have been working on counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. They also worked on adding together equal groups, and then moved on to talking about arrays.

PHONICS Reception have been working on Phase 3 sounds oi ear air er.

Year 1 have been working on Phase 5 alternative spelling of c in words where it is written as ch (e.g. Chemist), and the s sound written as c (e.g. race).

CREATIVE Last week the Reception children looked carefully at 'Three Trees Near Thixendale' by David Hockney and drew their own versions. This week they used a variety of materials to make robot pictures. Year 1 have been looking at sea scenes by Claude Monet. Last week they talked about the size and direction of the marks and used pastels to recreate their chosen painting. This week they reproduced the paintings using watercolours. The **Nursery** children have also been painting with watercolours.



Our Star of the Week last week was **Tabatha** who did a lovely reproduction of a Monet painting in oil pastels. This week's Star of the Week is **Ivy** who has worked very hard and with lots of enthusiasm, writing so many words on her metal objects list that it filled the page. Well done, **Tabatha** and **Ivy**!

Home Learning

- Nursery** Ask a grown-up to write your name on pieces of card and hide them around the house or garden. Can you find your name cards? Can you copy or trace the first letter or your whole name?
- Reception** Next week we will be talking about sand. If you can visit a beach over the weekend you might like to make sandcastles of other models with sand.
- Year 1** Reading books, spellings and Maths sheet in homework book.

Please note – On the newsletter it mentioned that the children can bring in sunscreen to apply themselves. Some of the children have been 'kindly' trying to help their friends put their cream on or share their sunscreen, while others are putting on a lot or not enough. In order to ensure their skin is properly protected from the sun, in Reception and Nursery we usually ask if parents can apply long-lasting factor 30 sunscreen to all exposed areas before school to last for the day. Of course, on sports day when we will be out all afternoon, please do send the cream in and we will supervise them.

Y1 parents only - There will be a Balance Ability after school club every Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm for non-bike riders, children that ride with stabilisers and non-confident bike riders. If your child fits one of these categories, please book a place in the office.

Have a lovely weekend,
Thames Class Team

