



CHESTNUT CLASS HOME LEARNING

25th September 2020



This week we introduced our new Curious Curriculum theme: I wonder what friendship looks like. There are lots of new friendships emerging in class and this theme aims to build on being kind, working together and recognising our similarities and differences.

On Monday we sat next to new talk partners on the carpet. This is something we do every week to get to know each other and build positive relationships. We spent Monday afternoon with our new partner, selecting activities, helping each other and talking together. We have also shared lots of stories and discussed whether the characters are being good friends.

We have also been thinking about people who help us in school, identifying who the adults are and their roles in school. We have role played them, thinking about what they do and how they help us and Year 1 drew pictures and labelled them. We usually go for a walk around school but being in our bubble means this wasn't possible this year. We plan to do a video call with Juniper Class next week, who would have been our Best Buddies.

We have talked about things we like doing in school and Year 1 wrote about it in their writing books. Many of the Reception children have been keen to draw pictures. Some children have shown they can write their names independently while others are using their name cards to support them. Reception have been listening for rhyming words and making 'silly soup' in phonics while Year 1 children have revisited Phase 3 digraphs (two letters that make one sound). Don't forget to practise your reading at home Year 1's! Reception will bring books home next week.

We have really enjoyed watching Numberblocks Series 1 (Episodes 1-6) and taken part in a range of mathematical activities linked to numbers (one to four in greater depth), compared objects by height, used vocabulary more/less, bigger/taller/greater than, less/smaller/shorter than. We recognised three is in lots of stories and rhymes e.g. Goldilocks and the three bears, the three little pigs, the three billy goats gruff, three blind mice etc. I wonder if you know any more. Year 1 children have represented the numbers using objects, pictures, ten frames, part part whole and digits. They have also been introduced to symbols < (less than) and > (greater than).

We have had dance and music with Miss Freeman and PE with Mrs Cullingworth. These are all in addition to our continuous provision (selecting our own activities) both in the classroom and outside.

Please talk to your child about their learning. Perhaps you can build on these activities at home together.

Mrs Cullingworth, Mrs Wells, Miss Freeman, Mrs Pain and Mrs Smith