

DROP SPOT

Dropmore Infant School Weekly Newsletter
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Spring Term, Week 4



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CELEBRATIONS



Ava – Year 1

For her effort in all of our lessons.



Meriem – Year 1

For her wonderful poem about a dragon.



- ♦ **Harper**, for her progress in phonics and handwriting.
- ♦ **Eloise**, for her perseverance when faced with a difficult task.



- ♦ 28th: Aria



- ♦ **Lily**
- ♦ **Sophie**
- ♦ **Arjun**
- ♦ **Daisy**
- ♦ **Brontë**
- ♦ **Emmie**

It has been a busy week as usual. Reception have enjoyed exploring their new writing and maths areas in the classroom this week. We have had some amazing writing and superb construction work being carried out! They have also started show and tell again for this term, each child is bringing in their favourite book from home to read with their friends. This has proved really popular and the children have loved being introduced to new books. This week Year 1 has been introduced to writing commands (bossy sentences) through the story of Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late. They were able to sequence active commands into dance/exercise routines in small groups. Today they have started to explore how to use sequencing language to turn these commands into a list of instructions. In maths they have explored how to use number bonds to 10 to do subtraction from a teen number by getting back to 10 first and then subtracting what was left. This was very challenging, and the 10 frames with coloured counters became very useful indeed! Year 2 have enjoyed hearing different stories about dragons. We have read the Dragon Machine and the Paper Bag Princess, which has a very unusual ending. We have enjoyed learning about different characters and learning how to write character descriptions. In maths we have been working on our division skills which we are finding quite difficult, so keep practising the 2, 5 and 10 timetables! We have also been reasoning about part-whole models and how we can use these to write equations. The children in KS1 have been making junk model castles this week (thank you for all of your donations – we don't need any more), using their knowledge on common features. They learnt to join cardboard without glue or Sellotape, and even how to make a paper hinge. The teachers are very impressed with their effort and what they produced. We are ready to welcome visitors and volunteers back into school. This also means we will be starting Dropmore shop on Tuesday. There are still a few wallets missing, so please check and bring them in on Monday! Have a wonderful weekend!

THE WEEK IN PICTURES



Favourite book from home



Hinge making



Castle making



Maths games

THE WEEK AHEAD

For a full list of dates, [click here](#)

- ♦ Tuesday 1st: Bucks Mind Parent Workshop @ 7pm
- ♦ Wednesday 2nd: Road Safety Working Party @ 8pm

1-MINUTES MATHS App



A free App for teachers, parents and pupils, covering subitizing, addition and subtraction. For more info, click [here](#).