

Year 1 Newsletter

May 2016

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The days are finally getting warmer so we will be going outside more often, please check that your child's pumps fit as many have grown recently and are complaining of squashed toes. Please, please, please ensure all kit is named, as the children do like to swap their kit around when they are changing and it helps us get the right things back to the correct owner.



Toy Makers

We have really enjoyed being toy makers this half term and we hope you are all enjoying the marble mazes that we made, the children really worked hard to design, make and evaluate them. They were so proud when they demonstrated them to the pupils in year 2.

Voting

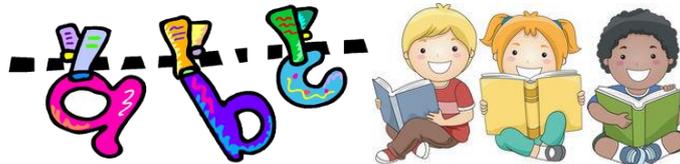
As part of our work on British values and democracy we held a vote, following polling day. We were voting to decide if toys helped us to learn or not. The results of the vote were

54 Yes 27 No

So we are looking forward to using toys more often to help us learn!

Lego workshop.

We had a fantastic time at our Lego workshop and the children wowed us with their amazing moving creations.



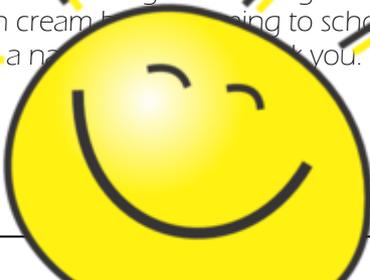
Phonics Screening.

You should all have had letters about the phonics screening that the children undertake in June in Year 1. This is a Government initiative and all Year 1 pupils across the country are tested. If your child is absent from school on the day, they will be assessed when they return. The test is done on a 1 to 1 basis with the child's class teacher and is carried out as part of the school day. We do not present it to the children as a test. The children are used to doing phonics assessments in this way and have already had a go at a past paper in preparation. You can help at home by practicing the words we have sent, www.phonicsplay.co.uk also has good interactive games you can play. www.galacticphonics.co.uk also has games and activities you can do. Make it fun! It could be part of your daily reading practice. You will receive a copy of your child's results with their school report in the summer. If you have any further questions please speak to your child's class teacher.



Be sun safe

As the days get warmer it is really important that all children have a named water bottle in school. Good hydration is needed for good thinking. It is a great idea to put on sun cream before going to school and wear a named hat if you can.



Having fun at our lego workshop

