

Hello Year 1,

We have lots of fantastic learning this week. It is important for you to check Purple Mash everyday as you will have lots of new work to complete. There will be videos to help you with your English and Maths too, so make sure you check them out each day.

In English this week we are learning all about performance poetry. We started yesterday by looking at words that rhymed in our poem 'Roar!'. We are then looking at the meaning of some new and maybe unfamiliar words. Then we are going to learn the words to the poem and add in some actions. On Friday you are going to perform the poem at home to your family. Ask them to upload a photo or video onto Purple Mash or to the class email for us to see.

In Maths this week we are learning all about subtraction. We started this yesterday, using objects to help us. We are going to continue learning about subtraction in a variety of ways across the week. Don't miss any of Miss Slattery's maths videos as these will really help you!

In History this week we would have been continuing to learn about Richard Owen. This week we would have been looking at dinosaur classification. We would have been using the internet to research different dinosaurs. We would have used these websites in particular:

<https://pbskids.org/dinosaurtrain/fieldguide/>

<https://www.nhm.ac.uk/discover/dinosaurs.html>

In Geography we would have been learning about the seasons and weather, by taking a walk to find some signs of Autumn. If you have a garden why not go and see which signs of Autumn you can find. If not have a look out of your windows. Create a poster all about the season Autumn.

In RE we would have been learning about the story of the Lost Sheep. You can listen to it here:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=azTzzZVKlsk

We would have been answering these questions:

- I wonder what might be dangerous for this lost sheep?
- I wonder why the shepherd cares so much for the sheep?
- I wonder if the lost sheep matters more than the other sheep?
- I wonder what being lost feels like? Why?
- I wonder if there are things that are dangerous for us if we are lost?

I wonder if being lost is always about not knowing where we are – are there other kinds of 'lost' too?

In PSHE we would have been learning to share opinions, take turns and value the views of others by listening actively. This would have been through a circle time activity, encouraging to listen to each other and ask each other questions. Have a conversation about some of your favourite memories with your family. Listen to them when they talk and ask them some questions about their favourite memory.

In Art we would have been making the dinosaurs we designed last week. Why not use whatever materials you have at home to make your very own dinosaurs?

In DT we would have been evaluating our dinosaurs. Think about what you liked about making your dinosaur? What would you like to change next time? What was your favourite part?

In Science we would have been conducting an experiment to decide on the best material to make shoes for a dinosaur to walk through the muddy swamp. Think about what it would be like in a swamp – wet, muddy, dirty. What shoes would you wear to go into a swamp? Test out different materials by dunking them in a bowl of water to find out which would be the best. Then design the perfect pair of shoes for the dinosaur – don't forget to add which material you would use!

In Music we would have continued to learn about beat. Check out this video all about beat:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OkX2l4l3p8>

In Computing we would have been finishing our topic on algorithms. You have a set of instructions on Purple Mash which have got lots of mistakes in. Find the mistakes and correct them to help the robot get to the right place.

As well as all of this it is important you keep up with your phonics sounds and practise reading with your parents every day. Remember there are more books available on Bug Club if you get bored of your reading book. Also make sure you are practising on Numbots as this will really help with your maths skills. If you are interested here is a virtual museum tour of the Dinosaur and Natural World Exhibit at the National Museum Liverpool: <https://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/dinosaurs-and-natural-world-virtual-tour>

If you have any questions, problems or queries, email your class teacher on chestnutyear1@bonnygateprimary.co.uk or acornyear1@bonnygateprimary.co.uk

We look forward to seeing you all soon,
Miss Butcher, Miss Slattery, Mrs Hogan and Miss Parker.