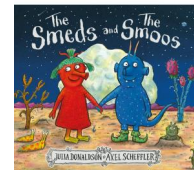


Dear Parent / Carer,

This week in English we have been reading 'The Smeds and the Smoos' by Julia Donaldson. We have focused on the rhyme and repetition within the story and have retold the story using these key features.



This week in Phonics, our sounds have been 'al' as in half, 'tch' as in match and 'ture' as in adventure. Our tricky words for the week have been: eye and because. These are the words the children need to be able to sight read.

In PE, we have started our new unit, 'Rugby Fundamentals'. Throughout the unit we will:

- Play a simple game of tag and begin to call 'tag' when taking a bib or belt.
- Practise handing over the rugby ball sideways.
- Attempt to get past a defender 1v1.
- Score a try in a modified drill using correct technique- using 2 hands to place the ball.
- Begin to develop tactics for attacking and defending in a small sided adapted game.

In History, we have begun our new topic, "How have toys changed?" We were very excited to show our friends our toys from home. Next week, we are going to be investigating toys of the past and creating enquiry questions to ask a classroom visitor.

Swimming will be taking place from next Wednesday. To begin with, **1H** will swim on Wednesday 5th March and **1N** will swim on Wednesday 12th March. From the 19th of March onwards, both classes will swim each Wednesday afternoon. Mrs Hughes is the Year 1 swimming teacher. On swimming days, the children will need swimming shorts/trunks/costume/goggles and a towel. Children with long hair will need a swimming hat. Armbands are not needed, as school provides them. Please could we request that all items of clothing and PE/swimming kits are clearly labelled with your child's name, in order to ensure that lost items can be returned. On swimming days, girls often find it easier to wear socks, rather than tights. If your child has a verruca, they will not be allowed to swim unless they bring a verruca sock to wear. If your child wears earrings, they must be removed for swimming. School staff are not allowed to remove a child's earrings so please do this at home before school.

Many Thanks

Miss Hepworth and Miss Nicholson