

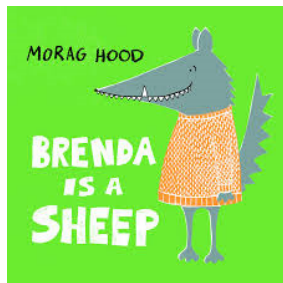


Class Expectations and Rewarding Positive Behaviour

Our class charter and behaviour chart is working well and we are so pleased with the way pupils responding to this and able to follow the rules we set together. We are continuing to recognise pupils who reach the top of the chart. We have also started using 'Fieldie' stickers to recognise exceptional behaviour and attitude to school.

Lunches

The Oaks and Acorns eat lunch in their own classrooms now. The smaller group has encouraged more conversation about the food they are eating and is also encouraging them to try new things. The introduction of hot food has been very popular.



Book Week Scotland 16th-22nd November

We will be reading 'Brenda is Sheep' from the P1 Bookbug bag and having lots of fun learning about how wool is made into jumpers, how animals camouflage themselves and thinking of kind things we can do for our friends.

Thank you for your continued support.
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SLC ACORNS CLASS NEWSLETTER—NOV 2020

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Welcome back

Well done to all of our amazing P1 pupils for settling so well and returning with enthusiasm after the October break.

Literacy

The boys are doing very well learning their Read, Write Inc set 1 sounds in our Phonics sessions each morning. We talk about how to make the sounds and colour code them so that lip sounds are red, tongue sounds blue and back sounds yellow. This really helps to distinguish between some confusing letters like **b** and **d** since they are made in different places in the mouth and so are different colours. We have started using coloured letters to spell words too. We keep practising the letter shapes using a range of different multi-sensory materials such as salt, oats, shaving foam even squeezzy bottles of water in the playground!



We use our Fred Talk to say the letters we see and then try to guess the word we can hear as the sounds are blended together. We love to play lotto and matching games to practise our skills. Our favourite game is a version of Uno using sounds instead of letters and Mrs Dryden always seems to get the 'meanie' cards so she has lots to pick up!

We are learning to write for different purposes making cards, labels and lists as well as writing stories for our topic. The boys are keen to write the letters and words they know or can sound out independently.

Numeracy and Maths

The boys have been making good progress, reading, writing and counting within our numeracy sessions. We will continue our understanding of number by working on formation, simple number sequences, ordering and value of numbers. The children have enjoyed completing written tasks, games on the smartboard and play based activities. In Maths we will be exploring simple 2D and 3D shape and begin to learn about money.



Topic / IDL

We really enjoyed learning about People Who Help Us both in school and the community. The Home



Corner was transformed into a doctor's surgery and a variety of injuries and ailments were successfully treated there. The boys particularly enjoyed pretending to make emergency calls for an ambulance and were able to provide very clear information to the operator.

This term our topic will be Farming. We will learn about how foods are farmed locally and worldwide. We will look at different food journeys from 'farm to fork'. We will also study simple food chains and explore maps.

Health and Wellbeing

This term we will be focussing on 'Achieving' and 'Nurturing'. Pupils will be involved in setting small targets for themselves and discussing how they can achieve them. We will be creating a class achievement wall/book. Please let us know of any successes your child has had at home or in any club/classes so we can celebrate these in school.

To explore 'nurture' we will be looking at what makes us kind and caring to our family and friends. We will create a kindness tree to recognise pupils who have been thoughtful.

Art

We have been learning about famous paintings and how they were created using a variety of media and techniques. We have been impressed with the way the boys are really listening to the instructions and taking their time to produce some lovely art work.

