

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 1 Term 5 2021

We hope you have had a lovely Easter break and enjoyed the wonderful weather! We have had a fantastic first week back at Evergreen. The children have thrown themselves enthusiastically into their learning and have been doing wonderful listening whilst using polite manners.

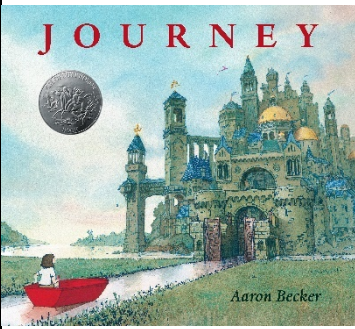
As always, please continue to encourage your children at home to be independent learners and use their Gem powers.

Reminders-

- Make sure you log onto Dojo each week to check for updates and to see the amazing learning that the children have been doing so far!
- Please send reading folders in each day. Reading books are changed on Thursdays.
- Forest School has stopped for now so Forest School clothes are not needed on Tuesdays.
- Please send your children in with a water bottle.



Readers and Writers



This term, we are learning about the story *Journey*, by Aaron Becker. This is a beautiful picture

adventure books which the children are very much enjoying! We are writing predictions to guess what will happen. We have been using our imaginations to pretend that we are the character in the story and have found a magical pen. Next week we will be looking at story language with a focus on adjectives to describe. At the end of the unit we will be writing our own pages of the story *Journey*.

Art

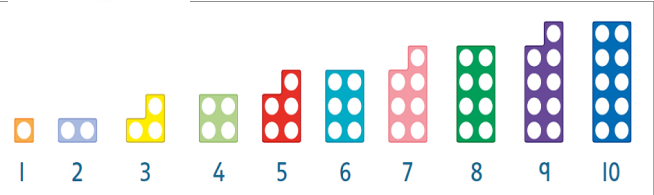
In Art we have been taking inspiration from Aaron Becker's illustrations in *Journey* to practising our drawing skills. We have practised cross-hatching, straight lines, sketchy lines and many others. We have talked about tone and practising using light and dark to create shadow. We will be moving onto making rubbings and observational sketches. During our last week of this art unit we will use clay to mould a mode of transport.



Mathematicians

This term we are revisiting addition and subtraction.

We have been practising using cubes, number bonds, number lines and the Numicon shapes to help us. The children have been really enjoying writing and reading sums. We have also been practising holding a number in our head to count on from. We will be moving onto applying these skills in word problems.



PE

In PE this term the children will be learning dance skills.

This week we went out into the bright sunshine and marched to different kinds of cultural music. We will be learning how to keep to a beat and copy steps and moves. We will be concentrating on our timing and special awareness.

The children showed bucketful's of enthusiasm!

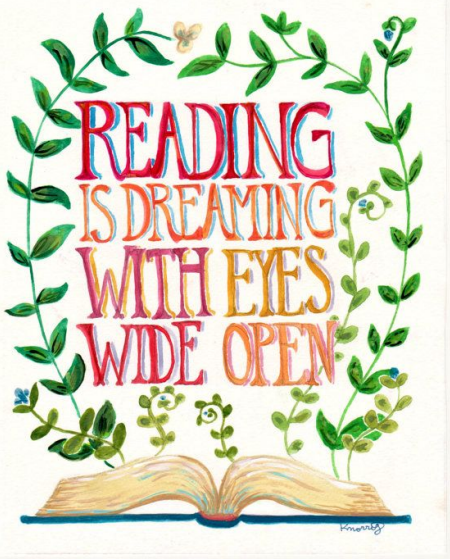


Phonics

We are currently learning Phase 5 phonics at school. We began these sounds during Zoom lessons and are continuing to consolidate them and practise daily.

Kindness
is
Magic

This term in Kindness in the Classroom we are talking about Integrity. We are learning about the importance of honesty and what it means to us. We have also been practising being helpful around the classroom; we take it in turns to be Year 1 Job Monitors each day. We are getting better and better at preserving with our Grit and Ruby powers!



Please listen to your child read at home 5 times per week. This is the most important thing you can do to support learning at this age. Just 10-15 minutes per day makes a big difference! We will be checking yellow reading records weekly and changing books on Thursdays. Pictures books will be coming home on Fridays. Your children are not expected to be able to read these as they are not Phonics books; they are to enjoy for the pleasure of reading! Please send these back on Mondays ready for the week ahead. Have fun reading together!

Yours Sincerely,
Ms Webb