

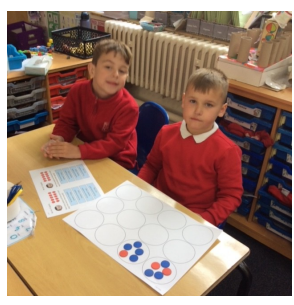
Year 1 Classroom News

Summer Term 1 — May 2026



Another fun filled half term draws to a close in Year 1 with lots of fantastic progress being made across all subjects. The children have enjoyed lots of practical learning in maths over the last few weeks. Our focus has been on capacity, fractions, multiplication and division. The children were challenged with lots of problem solving activities which they worked collaboratively to solve.

As scientists, we have continued to explore the topic of plants identifying different wild and garden plants, along with trees and labelling the parts of plants too. To finish off our topic we visited Hartshill Hayes as part of our wellbeing afternoon to put all of our science learning into practise to see what we could find. There has also been some super writing happening across the year group with our focus being on using our phonics knowledge to help us spell and some tricky spelling rules!



Castles, Knights and Dragons

To bring the learning to life in our 'Castles, Knights and Dragons' topic we spent a wonderful day at Warwick Castle. Owls, Rabbits and Squirrels enjoyed exploring 'The Kingmaker' exhibit as well as the many rooms inside the castle itself. After experiencing a hands on workshop all about life inside the castle we had the opportunity to watch the falconry experience and explore the castle grounds. Everyone had a fantastic experience and were a credit to our school with their behaviour.



As historians, we have also been learning about the way a castle was built, identifying the different parts of the building and where it would have been built. To help us with this we made our own junk model castles in teams.



I can't believe there is only one more exciting term of Year 1 left for the children. The year really does seem to have flown by! When the children return we will enter the 'Junk Jungle' and spend a large portion of the first few weeks with a focus on phonics and reading.

I hope you have a wonderfully sunny half term holiday.

Mrs Carly Evans, Year 1 Team Leader