

## Stage 1 News – Year 1 and Year 2

**We are back!!**

What a fantastic first week back! The teachers have never seen so many smiles on all the children's faces!

We have been learning about so many things this week. And we've also been remembering. The hardest thing for the children to remember (and for the teachers too) is what being at school for 5 days feels like and with a full class of children!!



This week in English we read a story called Carla's Sandwich. Ask your children what this book was about.

After reading the story, we had a discussion about the concepts of the story. We realised that it's important to have your own opinions about things and it shouldn't really matter what other people think. We also learnt that sometimes it's a good idea to try new things.

Some children wrote a personal response to the book and explained about a time when they felt like Carla and had to stand up for themselves. There are some very diplomatic children at our school!

Other children wrote a menu for a picnic lunch for their family and friends. But, they had to include some very creative sandwiches – just like Carla's sandwiches.

This week in Maths we have been learning about time.

Year 1 have been working on what an analog clock face looks like when it's o'clock and half-past. We even made our own clocks to practise spinning the hands to the correct places.

Year 2 have been working out what a second, a minute,  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an hour,  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour and an hour all feel like. It was pretty easy to correctly guess when it was a second and a minute, but when we were doing an activity that was going for a long time, some kids said it felt like an hour when it was only 26 minutes! Wow an hour really does feel like a loooooong time!!

This week in History we learnt about the development of flight transportation. We looked at hot air balloons, blimps, gliders, biplanes, propeller planes, jumbo jets and fighter planes. We also listened to planes that went so fast that they broke the sound barrier. That really does show the History of Technology for Flight!

This week in Science we learnt about animals. We looked at baby animals and their parents. Some animals have a lot of features in common, but some babies look really different to their parents. We learnt a lot of words to name adult animals. Did you know that a male adult crocodile is called a bull?! And the mum crocodile is called a cow!?

But hands-down the kids' favourite place to be this week was . . . out in the playground!



Fingers crossed for another fantastic sunny week full of great learning!