



Y1 WEEKLY UPDATE

Success for Every Child

Unit of Inquiry

This week has seen the introduction of our last unit for the year – ‘How We Express Ourselves’. This unit will be an exploration into ideas and experiences and the many ways they can be shared. The children have looked at the book, ‘What do you do with an Idea’ by Kobi Yamada. They have begun to think of ideas, where they come from and how an idea can ‘grow’. Boxes, string, coloured papers and fabric were transformed as the children unleashed their creativity. Books like ‘Not a Stick’ and ‘Not a Box’ by Antoinette Portis have been wonderful reminders of creative thinking. Our Show and Tells have got off to a great start with the children understanding the criteria for what makes a good presentation. They have also been practising how to be good audience members as they ask questions and make positive comments about their friends’ presentations.

Mathematics

In maths, we have been learning about position and direction through books such as Rosie’s Walk. This wonderful story introduces position vocabulary in a delightful way as Rosie the hen outsmarts the fox! The children used words such as past, through, above, inside, outside, above, below, next to, behind and in front of, as they re-created the story and wrote their own ideas about where Rosie walked. The children have enjoyed directing both the Beebot mini robots using the Beebot app to practice basic coding.

Literacy

This week’s literacy has focussed on ‘ideas’ as we prepare for children to experiment with their ideas as story tellers. They have written their own stories and in the weeks to come, will learn more about the elements of a good story to help them refine their own. The children drew self portraits and wrote their down their interests and thoughts. They will learn how to make these ideas ‘grow’ or develop next week. This unit promises to be rich in stories, drama and enjoyment!

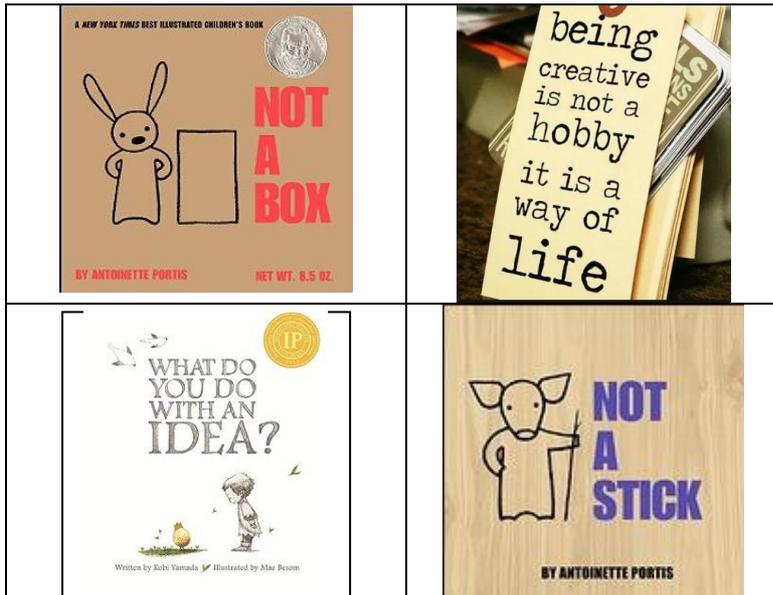


Thank you parents for continuing to support your child’s learning with the **Show and Tell** preparations. It has been wonderful to watch the children’s confidence grow as they hone their presentation skills.



Please Note:

The sun has been unrelenting some days. We have noticed that some of the children have been coming to school without their hats. KJS is a No Hat No Play school and we would be grateful for your support in ensuring that your child carries his or her hat to school every day.



From the Y1 Team

