

## Year One

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy week. The chicks have visited all three classes and the children have enjoyed learning about and recording the life cycle of a hen. They have also heard the Easter Story and enjoyed lots of Easter craft.

### English

In English this week we have finished writing The Lonely Beast's diary, using adjectives to describe the city as well as words to describe emotions. This has proved a very popular story with the children, who have often chosen to read it again independently.

**Talking Point:** Can you retell the story and explain why the Lonely Beast left his home? What was the best part of the story for you?

### Maths

We have had a very enjoyable week learning about capacity and volume, using non-standard measures to explore the capacity of a range of containers. We have learned to describe volume with words such as full, empty, half full or half empty, nearly full or nearly empty.

**Talking Point:** Practice pouring water into a glass so that it is half full or nearly full or almost empty.

### Home Learning

Your child is bringing home a small pot, bean seed, instructions and growing diary. Their challenge is to sow the seed indoors in a small amount of soil (either compost if you have some or any garden soil) and to care for it by watering it as it grows into a plant. They should use the diary to record growth over the next month or so, either taking photos or by drawing their observations. Bring your diary in before the May half term break to share with the class.

**PHONICS WORKSHOP:** Thank you to the parents who attended the phonics workshop this week, we hope you found it helpful. The presentation is saved on the school website here (scroll to the bottom of the page). For anyone who didn't go - there are lots of helpful websites included in this powerpoint, so please take a look. <https://www.fernhill.kingston.sch.uk/year1>



## Headteacher's Certificate

### Cornflower

Vivaan

Charlie

### Foxglove

Sarah

Milo

### Lavender

Mia

Marley

**Wanted:** cardboard tubes, any size/length would be greatly appreciated when we return after the Easter break as well as tin foil, foil containers, nuts & bolts and small metal objects. Many thanks.

**Phonics:** All groups: Alternative spellings of the /oo/ /yoo/ sounds (ue, u-e, ew)

**Espresso login:** Username: student37712 - password: fernhill

**LGfL login:** you will find this stuck in your child's home/school diary. It will give you free access to Busy Things, Maths at Home and a number of other websites to support your child's learning at home.

**PE Kits:** Please ensure your child has a **full** PE kit for the summer term. This includes plimsols/trainers, socks, black shorts and a white tee-shirt. Please label their clothes too so they don't get mixed up.