



'Spurring each other on with love'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

In English this week, we will be:

- Starting a book called Dear Zoo.
- Creating a story map to help us re-tell the story.
- Thinking of words to describe the animals in the story.
- Completing our daily phonics lessons.
- Taking part in regular handwriting practice. We are using the pre-cursive style of writing where we push up from the line, for each letter and finish by adding a hook.

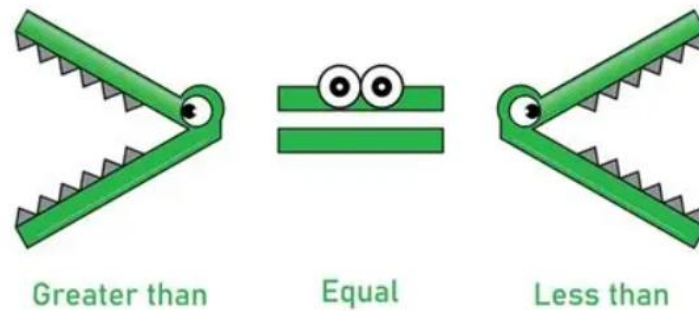
In Maths this week, we will be:

- Comparing numbers using the vocabulary 'greater than' and 'less than'. The children will be introduced to the symbols:
 - > is greater than e.g. $5 > 2$ 5 is greater than 2



< is less than e.g. $2 < 5$ 2 is less than 5
= is equal to.

We explain that the symbol is a bit like a crocodile's mouth and the crocodile likes to eat the biggest/greatest number.



In our topic work, we will be thinking about:

- Adding labels to a local area photograph. (Geography)
- Our senses - we will focus on sight. (Science)
- Adding more detail to our self-portraits using the skills we have learnt so far. The children have looked closely at eyes to notice all the shapes, features and details. (Art)
- The Creation Story. (RE)
- Gymnastics and Games in PE. Please ensure kits are in school and earrings are removed to ensure your child can take part on Tuesdays (all) and Thursdays (ICP) Friday (IM.)
- Road safety and how to find a safe place to cross (PSHE).

Reading and Library books

- Reading and Library books are changed on Mondays.

Please ensure they are in your child's bag.

Supporting your child at home

In Year One, children are expected to start a sentence or a name with a capital letter.

To support this, each child will bring home a set of lower- and upper-case letters.



Please cut them up and support them to match them up. The children have been focusing on this in class, so this activity will allow them to show you how clever they are and to consolidate their new learning. This does not need to be brought back into school but kept at home and repeated to support this skill.

Thank you for your support.
The Year One Team.

