

# Year 1 Classroom News



## August Highlights

English It has been interesting learning that two vowels together in words make one sound. We have enjoyed building words and sentences with these new sounds. We have read a few of Julia Donaldson's stories and spoken about our favorite characters. It is fun to retell stories in our own words.

Math We have found that some shapes can be halved and some not. We also discovered that even numbers can be shared easily. It was fun to share out the blocks we used on our 'picnic'. We made pizza toppings out of paper and placed them on pizza bases symmetrically. We are now adding using 2 digit numbers. We measured ourselves to see how much we grew during the winter holidays.

Science We have been learning about **forces**, push and pull. We used force to blow up a balloon, to swing on a swing and go down the slides. We used a variety of methods to move a paper ball off of a table and found which was the strongest force. Walking around the school grounds we explored and described movement of familiar things. We recognized that when things speed up, slow down or change direction, there is a cause.

Social Studies We listened to the national anthems from our home countries, Japan, India, USA and South Africa. We spoke about how these anthems make us feel. Leading to national Chile day celebrated at school on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September we found out what this day is all about and feel proud to be part of it.

### UP NEXT MONTH

#### SCIENCE & SOCIAL STUDIES

- Materials – using our senses to explore and identify
- Sinking and floating
- More events in history
- New and old

#### ENGLISH

- More digraphs – ng and oo sounds
- Answering questions on reading passages
- Writing simple story books
- Rhymes and poems
- Reading books
- Sight words

#### MATH

- Increasing number range to 75
- More symmetrical activities
- Adding 3 numbers
- Organizing data
- Grouping