



Baslow St. Anne's C of E Primary School
Life in all its fullness .. growing healthy minds and hearts together
Kindness - Respect - Diversity



Year 1 Tigers

Week 3 Spring 1 2026

The children have started to think about story writing through writing about 'Pretend Weekend News' rather than things they have actually done - this helps them to develop ideas as we look at the structure of writing a story. This week they got to be friends with an animal you might find in the UK and then off they went on their adventures. Do come and look at their English books at Open Door to see how they got on. There were some great ideas!

They also enjoyed listening to Julia Donaldson's story 'The Gruffalo'. We used the story to learn about adjectives. They found some of the adjectives used to describe the Gruffalo in the story and then created their own terrible creature and used adjectives to describe it.

They share these with their friends.

We continue to work on finding out where and when to use capital letters and full stops. We encourage them to consistently use in their writing.

In topic this week we looked at where in the world our country is, discussing the north and south pole and the equator. We then looked at our country in more detail, finding out about the 4 countries that make up the United Kingdom and also learning about the four capital cities as well as being introduced to the seas around our country. There was lots of discussion about where the children had been in our country.

We took part in the RSPB Big School Birdwatch on Thursday with our Year 1 friends from Leopards and our EYFS friends. We had had many birds visiting the replenished bird feeders in our garden over the past week and we were lucky on the day that despite some rather wet weather we spotted lots of different birds. A huge thanks to those who lent us some extra binoculars. We entered our results on to the RSPB website and look forward to hearing how other schools got on with this event. It was a great opportunity to learn about some of the birds that are native to the UK. The children created a simple bird fact file about one of these birds. They also created their own bird to take home and played games to help them identify some of the birds that are native to the UK. The children really enjoyed spotting the birds and would love to try over the coming weekend at home. They brought home an extra sheet to try at home and an idea to make a recycled bird feeder. We hope you have fun!

As always please do come and ask if you have any questions.

