

This term in Bumble Bee Class, our topic has been *People Who Help Us*. Year 1 have done a fantastic job welcoming our new Reception children, showing them how we do things in our class, and sharing some of the fun games we love to play. They have been brilliant role models, showing excellent learning behaviours throughout the term.

We've really enjoyed meeting a range of visitors who came to talk about how they help us and our communities. A nurse, police officers, firefighters, and a veterinary nurse all visited to tell us about their jobs, answer our many questions, and bring our topic to life!



We began the term with Nick Sharratt's story *My Mum and Dad Make Me Laugh*, which helped us think about our own families and the things that make us happy. We also explored *Ness the Nurse* by Nick Sharratt, *Real Superheroes* by Julia Seal, and *Emergency!* by Margaret Mayo. These books helped us learn about the different roles people play in helping others. Year 1 have even started learning about nouns and adjectives, writing some fantastic sentences all about key workers and the important jobs they do.

To celebrate National Poetry Day, we read *People Need People* by Benjamin Zephaniah. We enjoyed watching the poet perform his poem and even wrote our own verses to add to the book!

In Science, we have been exploring the changes that happen during Autumn. We spent lots of time outdoors observing living things, spotting signs of the season, and talking about the weather. We also explored our five senses, bringing all our learning together during Forest School sessions.



In Maths, Year 1 have been learning about place value to 10. We've practised writing numbers as words, finding one more and one less, identifying tens and ones, comparing numbers, and using ordinal numbers. The children are working hard to become more independent and confident mathematicians! Reception have been busy too—matching pairs of socks, sorting objects by colour, singing nursery rhymes (including *Five Little Ducks*, *Five Little Speckled Frogs*, and *Humpty Dumpty*), and beginning to learn about the numbers 1 and 2.



In Art, we explored lots of different drawing materials such as crayons, chalk, pencils, and felt tips before creating our own self-portraits. In Design and

Technology, we've been using tools and joining techniques to make fantastic junk models.

It's been a busy and exciting start to the year in Bumble Bee Class, and we can't wait to see what the next term brings!

