

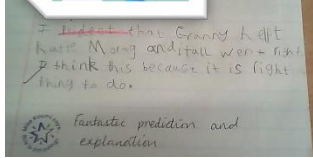
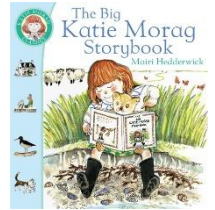
# Featherstone Primary School

## Year 1 Weekly Newsletter – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

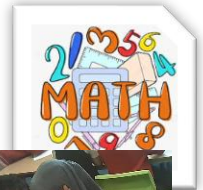
What have Year 1 been up to this week?



In English this week, we have begun exploring a new text based on 'Katie Morag', which is a collection of different stories based on the character Katie. We have been focusing on developing our reading and writing skills by making predictions about what will happen next in the story, using clues to explain our ideas and discussing and describing main characters. We have used adjectives to describe the characters and then wrote simple sentences based on the events of the stories. Later in the week, we focused on using past tense verbs, including adding -ed endings, to write about the events of the story. We have really enjoyed the different texts this week.



In Maths, we continued our learning on division by exploring grouping and sharing. At the beginning of the week, we explored grouping by using different methods including pictures and objects. We counted how many groups we had and made sure each group was the same size. Later in the week, we explored sharing amounts fairly by doing this one object at a time. This helped form understanding of how to divide items equally between groups. We have enjoyed learning about grouping and sharing through practical and written activities, including solving word problems. It was a little bit tricky to understand at first but we are much more independent with it now!



We have finished our learning on 'Birmingham is our home' and have now begun our Science topic where we have been exploring different animals, including their features, habitats, diet and different categories they can be organised into. We have had fun identifying playing such as, 'whats in the mystery bag?' where we had to work as a class to decide which animal the feature belonged to. We then deepened our learning by exploring similarities and differences of animals and identifying how to classify animals based on what type they were or what they liked to eat.

In Jigsaw this week, we continued with our puzzle piece 'Relationships'. We identified qualities that make make a good friend and what being a good friend means to each of us. We discussed what it feels like to have a disagreement with somebody and how we can solve this, including who we can talk to if we feel worried about anything. We also discussed how we can make new friends, such as inviting them to play games with us at break time, which is important to ensure nobody feels left out and everybody has somebody to play with.



### 1A's Star of the Week



1A's Star of the Week is Liyah. She has shown great effort in her learning this week, in all areas, and has been working really hard on any targets set by her teacher. Well done Liyah!

### 1B's Star of the Week



1B's Star of the Week is Innayah. She created a fantastic piece of work in Science where we looked at categorising animals into different groups based on their features. Well done Innayah!



1A's coin total – 79

1B's coin total – 83

### Reminders for next week...

- Our PE day is **Wednesday** – please ensure your child has a PE kit in school
- Spelling test – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May (due to voting day)
- Reading book swap/new spellings – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May (due to voting day)

Best wishes - have a lovely weekend!  
Miss Koumi and Miss Waheed