# **News From FS1**

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Welcome back to school after what we hope was a very enjoyable and relaxing winter break. We begin this term with a new topic '**Captain Change**'. During this topic the children will be investigating the changes that take place in the world around them. This week we began by looking at the changing '**seasons**'

#### <u>Literacy</u>

David McKee

In keeping with our theme we have used the story of '**Elmer and the Rainbow**' as our focus book. We drew pictures of Elmer, annotating the drawings with ideas for an alternative ending. We looked at the different seasons and the weather

associated with each one, such as it is hot in the summer and we could wear shorts and t-shirts, then in winter we wrap up in lots of layers to keep warm.

#### **Phonics**

In Phonics we have been developing our knowledge of oral blending and segmenting sounds in words. We listened to the sounds within short words and practised remembering the order in which these sounds occurred.

We clapped out the sounds we could hear and counted them. For example 's-a-t' and 'p-i-n'. We also introduced the letters **c** and **k** as in **c**at/**c**ake/**k**itten.



#### <u>Numeracy</u>

This week we looked at number formation and learning the rhymes for the numbers 6 to 10. We used our Numicon resources to investigate how many different ways we



could show the same amounts. We then placed the correct amount of chain links onto pre-numbered elephants. Then we counted the coloured patches on Elmer and recorded this in a graph.

#### January Birthdays

- FS1B Melissa R 1st and George Bissada 6th
- FS1D Ziad El Sahhar 1st
- FS1L Ezz Abou Ali 1st and Emily Naguib 9th
- FS1H Philip Gaber 12th
- FS1S Abdelaziz Mourad 15th, Anas Zahran 18th and Dania Galal 29th

Who has had juice and biscuits with Ms Beth our school Director this week? Omar Taher and Karma El Sayed from FS1L

Captain

Change

As the weather is now quite cold please ensure that your child's spare clothes are of winter use. All clothing should still be part of the official school uniform, this includes coats and shoes.

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## أَعزَائِي أَوليَاء الأُمُور. بَعْدَ التَّحيَّة : خِلال هذا الأُسبوع:

- قُمنا بالمُراجعة على الحروف السَّابق دراستها.
- تعرَّف الأطفال على شكل وصوت حرف (ص) من خلال قصَّة وقاموا باستخراج الكلمات الَّتي تبدأ بالحرف مثل (صَاروخ - صَقر - صُندوق -صَياد ).
- تتدرَّب الأطفال على كتابة حرف (ص) من خلال تتبع النِّقاط داخل الكتاب المدرسيّ.
- الواجب :مُرسل مع الطّفل ورقة نشاط للتّأكيد على حرف (ص).



## FS1L enjoying our Science Exploration, part of our opening 'wow' for our new topic.

