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Another half-term has come and gone! It has been a busy time for everyone and we have achieved lots in a short time!

This will be the last printed copy of the newsletter that we will be sending home - doing our little bit to save the environment! The newsletter is available on the school website - please let us know if you have any difficulties!

The children continue to work hard and impress us, as well as the visitors we have in school, with how kind and thoughtful they are towards others!

We hope you all have a lovely week and see you after the half-term holidays!

### Sensory Room

Last year, the school community raised a huge amount of money to support children with SEN. We have used this money to transform our quiet room into a sensory room where it can continue to be used for group work but also as a way of supporting children with sensory needs. It has also provided all children in school with a quiet area to go to relax and reflect.

This wonderful new addition to our school has already benefited many of our children and the staff love it too! We are hoping to introduce this relaxing space to all of the children in the school after half term so that they can tell us what they think about the amazing resources in it. The children's feedback will allow us to develop this fantastic space even further.



Head to the website to see more photos of it in use by clicking on the 'News and Events' tab and then 'Sensory Room'.

### Nursery Places

We have places remaining for nursery next term (after Easter), and bookings are now also being taken for children to start in September. If you will be requiring a place at our nursery, either this year or next, we recommend you contact us sooner rather than later to ensure your child can get a place!

Rising 3s are able to enter our nursery provision at the start of the term in which they will turn 3, however all sessions will need to be paid for until they receive funding. All 3-year-old nursery pupils,

are currently entitled to 15 hours of funded childcare per week (some children may be entitled for up to 30 hours depending on your circumstances) starting in the term following their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday. You are then able to top this up if you wish. If you are unsure, please discuss your options with us - pop in and see Mrs Hey in the office for further information.

If your child already attends nursery but you wish to increase their hours, please remember this can only happen at the beginning of a new half term to allow for the appropriate staffing to be in place. Please get in touch asap if you wish your child's hours to change after half term or Easter.

Thank you!

### **Attendance**

Today you received a letter explaining what we are putting in place to improve attendance in school. Parents will receive an attendance report for their child at the end of each half-term, this excludes nursery as their attendance is not compulsory. We will also be handing out our Attendance Bear in praise assembly to the class who collectively have the highest attendance. There will be a graph displayed in the hall, keeping track of which class has earned the Attendance Bear most during the half-term; that class will then get a special treat! Meet Sam our Attendance Bear...



### **Computing with Class 2**

Year 1 had a fantastic time on Tuesday afternoon with class 2 learning how to use the computer software 'Scratch'. 'Scratch' is a great resource which allows you to create your own interactive stories, games, and animations, and as such support your child in developing their computing skills. It is something that can be downloaded at home and what's even better is that it is completely free!



Class 2 were brilliant teachers to the year 1s, sharing their knowledge and skills in a supportive and considerate way. Class 2 have flown with this programme and probably know more about it than the teachers do at this point! They have created some creative and funny animations which we are hoping to share with you on our website soon!

### Class 1

We have been reading 'Dinosaurs Love Underpants', which we thought was really funny! We then did some writing about dinosaurs and decided to make our own underpants for our dinosaurs. Do you like them?



### Class 2

In RE, we have been exploring the 'trinity' in Christianity. We were given the headings 'Father', 'Son' and 'Holy Spirit' as well as lots of describing words for these. We then had to decide whether the words were describing the 'Father', the 'Son' or the 'Holy Spirit'; some words were quiet tricky and we had to use a dictionary to find out the meanings. There were some fantastic discussions in the small groups as to where they thought the words should be placed and then we had a class discussion sharing our ideas. Everyone contributed their thoughts respectfully and justified these by reflecting on their own beliefs as well as relating it to stories from the Bible.



### Class 3

In class 3 this week, we have been very busy doing 'short burst writing' using the tools we had from our quest story writing tool kit. We have also been making and testing our sundials in Design and Technology...



### Bright Stars

We are taking part in this year's Bright Stars initiative. We were given £50 to start off with to buy materials for our chosen project. We've decided that we would like to sell tie-dyed shopping bags and personalised pull-string P.E. bags. The money that we manage to raise will be split between our school and a charity of our choice. After voting, we have chosen the British Heart Foundation.

Once we have completed our bags, we will have a stall in school every morning from 8.50am until 9.10am so that we can sell them to eager customers! Watch this space for when we start selling! The bags are a bargain at only £5 each. For customers who are keen to buy a personalised pull-string P.E. bag, you will be given the option to say what you would like written on your bag.



### Beach and Forest Schools

After half-term, class 3 will start Beach School and working towards achieving the John Muir Award, while classes 1 and 2 will be starting Forest School. Nursery children will remain in school during Forest School sessions and is something they can look forward to being part of when they are in reception.

Letters were sent out this week regarding this as well as the Forest and Beach School Information Leaflet being attached to last week's newsletter. This leaflet, as well as more information about the John Muir Award, can be found on our website.

### Residential

The time is steadily approaching to when classes 2 and 3 will be going on their residential to Scout Adventures Great Tower near Newby Bridge.

Letters will be sent out in the first week back after half-term, which will provide you with more information about the visit as well as the parental contribution.

### Carpark

Another reminder that if you are dropping off or collecting children from school, please can you ensure that your car is stationary while children and adults are on the carpark. This ensures the safety and wellbeing of everyone. Thank you for your understanding!

### Achievements

Well done to the winners of both the 'burgundy jumper' and 'good to be green' this week. These are:

Class 1 - Richard and Franklin

Class 2 - Devon and Sam

Class 3 - Jacob and Libby

The class with the highest attendance this week is...



**Class 1!**



### School dates for your diary

25<sup>th</sup> February - Class 3 Beach School day

4<sup>th</sup> March - Class 3 Beach School day

5<sup>th</sup> March - 'Relax Kids' sessions for all classes

7<sup>th</sup> March - Class 1 Drumming with Zozo

11<sup>th</sup> March - British Science Week

- Science Dome for all classes

- Forest School class 1 PM (nursery remain at school)

13<sup>th</sup> March - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 'Bridges & Tunnels' Science Workshop at Millom Discovery Centre (PM)

14<sup>th</sup> March - Years 1 & 2 'Flight' Science Workshop at Millom Discovery Centre (PM)

18<sup>th</sup> March - Class 3 Beach School day

19<sup>th</sup> March - Cycle Wise with year 5

20<sup>th</sup> March - Cycle Wise with year 5

21<sup>st</sup> March - Cycle Wise with year 5

22<sup>nd</sup> March - Years 3, 4 & 5 last swimming session before Easter

25<sup>th</sup> March - Forest School class 2 PM

29<sup>th</sup> March - Break for Easter holidays at 1:30pm

15<sup>th</sup> April - Back to school

18<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Service at Corney Church 9am

19<sup>th</sup> April - Good Friday (Bank Holiday)

22<sup>nd</sup> April - Easter Monday (Bank Holiday)

13<sup>th</sup> May - KS2 SATs week

20<sup>th</sup> May - Class 2 residential (1 night)

21<sup>st</sup> May - Class 3 residential (2 nights)

Kind regards,

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