

Class 1's learning letter

Dear Parents, I can't believe how fast the time has gone, what a strange year it has been! The children have developed a positive attitude to learning and have shown progression in many areas. The year one children have worked hard this year and are now getting ready for their move into year two!

Over the next few weeks you will receive your child's end of year report, I have thoroughly enjoyed writing about your children and their progress, they have all been a pleasure to teach.

Reception parents your report will also include information about whether your child will be completing Year 1 in Class 1 or Class 2 next year. Please can I remind you that this decision has been based on a range of factors including that our classes are mixed aged.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting your children over this academic year, as without parent partnership it wouldn't be possible.

Our last topic this year is 'We're All Going On A Summer Holiday'. This is a busy and fun packed half term with lots to do. I am really looking forward to the mobile petting farm coming to visit Class 1 and 2, I hope you are too!

This half term we will be focussing on consolidating the children's understanding of addition, subtraction, place value and revisiting measurement, position and direction. This will be done through lots of continuous provision opportunities and weekly challenges.

In English the children will be reading a range of traditional tales and through innovation, will create their own. The children will also write a recount of their day with the mobile petting farm. We will focus on handwriting and sentence structure. The focus for the year 1 children will be to extend their stamina and write more than 3 sentences independently.

This links well with our topic this half term, as we will be learning about food and how to prepare and combine foods. We are also going to be looking at different parts of the world and exploring their features such as weather and foods.. Year one children will be focussing on, naming and locating the seven continents and five oceans in our world.

For our hook will be blindfolding the children and asking them to taste the different types of foods, guess what they are then look at where in the world that food is eaten.

P.E this half term will be athletics, the children will be practising their basic skills to use during sports day. More information to follow.

Our Christian Value for this half term is 'Courage', we will look at the stories in the bible about courage and how we can learn from these examples.

In R.E. we will be looking at Christianity and how the church is an important place of worship and why. We will hopefully visit both the Anglican and the Methodist church in our village and discuss the similarities and differences between them.

**To all parents, in school we use an interactive website called 'Purple Mash' it has lots of activities to do with your children. Please feel free to log on and take a look. www.purplemash.com/sch/hapton-bb11
User name: class1 Password: 123456**

As we are a school that 'loves to read', please continue to read with your children at home, this is very important as reading supports all other areas of learning. The 'Tricky Words' we send home in your child's book bag are words that need to be read by sight and written from memory, children in the reception class are expected to read and spell Phase 1, 2 and 3 'Tricky Words' by the end of reception without adult help and Year One children are expected to read and spell Phase 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

Please make sure that on sunny days your child has a sun hat, that sun cream is applied before school and that any sun cream brought into school is labelled with their name. Thank you for all your support, we have thoroughly enjoyed teaching your children and we look forward to teaching some of the children again next year.
Mrs Stockburn.