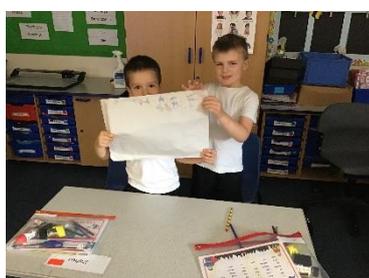


Year One Autumn Term  
December 2020

Dear Parents,



Wow, what a busy term we have had! This has certainly not been like any other autumn term we have ever known but the children have shown just how resilient they are. They have jumped back into school with a fantastic enthusiasm for learning and it has been such a pleasure to see the school buzzing with happy little faces again!



We jumped straight in to the first part of the term with the topic 'Superheroes'. The children explored two stories, 'Charlie's Superhero Underpants' and 'Super Daisy and the Peril of Planet Pea', in order to describe fantasy settings and develop their writing using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We have also begun to use adjectives and the conjunction 'and' in our writing to make it more interesting for the reader. The children were fantastic at retelling the stories through story mapping and role-play. We then designed, created and evaluated our own Superhero masks in Design and Technology, which we then loved role-playing with during 'Plan, do and Review'.

In Science we have been looking at the seasonal changes that have been happening in the school area. We have discussed the changes in weather, changes in the trees and even how our clothing changes. We have then moved onto our 'Animals' topic. They learnt about a variety of different animals, sorting them into their animal types and exploring their habitats. We looked at what different animals eat and how they are grouped into herbivores, omnivores and carnivores. We completed a range of activities around the theme 'Ourselves'. They labelled parts of the body and learnt about the five senses.



In Numeracy the children began the term by brushing up on their counting and recognising numbers. They played lots of fun games such as bingo and went on a number hunt around the school. The children then began to practise addition and subtraction calculations using a number line or hundred square to help them. We have also learned about 2D shapes, number bonds, doubling, odd/even numbers, place value, time and money.

In Topic, we have learnt about the world through naming the different continents and oceans. We also discussed Remembrance Day and why we wear poppies. We went into the Forest School area every week where we explored how to identify different trees and plants by looking closely at their leaves, branches and bark.



We also really enjoyed learning about robots. We looked at fiction and non-fiction texts about robots and retold the story of Winnie the Witch and the Bad Robot. In DT we had to plan a robot which we then created with junk modelling. Some of our robots were very realistic!

In PE we began with multi skills and throwing and catching and learnt how to hone our ball skills. Then we moved onto gymnastics, where we continued to investigate making movements by rolling and balancing through different shapes, travelling along apparatus and jumping in different ways. We then put all these together into a sequence and showed them to the class. We also revisited running, hopping and skipping. We also learnt about some new games during Sports Week.



The children really enjoyed their visit from the reindeers this week. It was a great opportunity to boost the Christmas spirit, creating lots of excitement and learn about these majestic animals.

The new topic for next term will be Castles and Dinosaurs, which we are sure the children will enjoy exploring through the exciting activities that we have planned.

We hope you have a magical Christmas holiday and we look forward to hearing all about what the children have been doing when we see them again in the New Year!

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