



MARTON-CUM-GRAFTON CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Class 1 News

10th November 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week our Class 1 Superstar certificates were presented to **Henny** (Reception) and **Milly K.** (Nursery). Henny has been showing a really caring attitude, sharing out our resources amongst groups of children and making sure all who wanted to be were included in role-play games. Henny is also a super busy learner. Milly has been making some really good choices in her playing and learning and is a great helper, especially at tidy up times. Well done Henny and Milly, keep it up!

Betsy was presented with our '**Writer of the Week**' certificate. Betsy was very engaged in writing lots of letter shapes as part of some of her crafting and used clues within the classroom to write the names of her friends correctly.

When we arrived at school on Monday we couldn't resist the opportunity to enjoy some fresh air and explore the **frost** that we had all noticed. All of Class 1 got wrapped up and put boots on so that we could go hunting for frost. We looked at leaves, grass and mud and even found some ice. It was very cold indeed! We noticed our misty breath and talked about how the sheep were able to stay warm.

This week we have begun thinking about owls. We are using the story '**Owl Babies**' by Martin Waddell as a starting point for our learning and the Reception children shared some interesting and thoughtful ideas about the three baby owls. We will continue to enjoy the story into next week when we will use some of the Talk4Writing initiative to explore and learn the story. The children have been playing with and crafting with feathers and some of the Reception children have been writing about the owls from our story.

Our Nursery learners have stuck with the bird theme as our **rhyme of the week** is 'Two Little Dickie Birds'. The children have been learning the rhyme and making bird puppets to help them perform it. This rhyme linked nicely with our focus **number of the**

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week, number 2.

As you know, we love to embrace the children's current interests and so many of the children in Nursery time have enjoyed making their own magic Maui fish hooks, from the Disney film Moana.

In their directed Phonics learning the Reception children learned the tricky words '**she**' and '**he**'. We noticed that they rhyme and that they both use letter e. The children worked together to read simple captions using these, and our other, tricky words. Our new sounds this week have been **y, z** and the digraph **qu**. We have sorted real and nonsense words using these sounds, read and written captions and shared lots of ideas of words in which we can hear these sounds.

The focus number of the week for Reception has been **number 9**. We have also been using our developing number skills to use a number line to find the number that is 1 or 2 more, and then less, than another number. The children did a great job of jumping forward and back along the number line to find the answers.

Many of the children have been enjoying the blankets, scarves and sheets that we have had donated to us. We use them to make dens, outfits and more and are able to fix the fabrics in place with pegs. Some of us are learning how to tie simple knots too.

We have also been keeping an eye on the wormery that Mrs Garcia kindly brought in. The children have been using the magnifying glasses to spot the worms and have done some super wiggly writing and worm drawing.

Our Class Worship time has involved some thinking about Poppy Day and the theme of Remembrance and the children have been enjoying poppy art and craft with Mrs Naish. We really rate the CBeebies animation 'Poppies' as a starting point for this theme. We watched the video and talked about the music and what the animation made us think about. We will reflect on this again on Monday.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pv_ub7Be7oA

Dates for your Diaries

Monday 20th November: Drop-in parent/Key Worker Dialogue afternoon for Nursery parents, please see separate letter for details. Please note the date correction from last week's letter. Still the 20th November, but Monday!

Monday 11th / Tuesday 12th / Wednesday 13th December: Key Stage 1 Nativity Play, featuring EYFS (Nursery and Reception) – details will follow.

Monday 18th December: Afternoon – Class 1 (Nursery and Reception) Stay, Play and Learn Together session – Christmas songs and crafts

Best wishes,

Mrs Williams and The Early Years Team