



## MARTON-CUM-GRAFTON CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Class 1 News

17<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to our Superstars this week. Sam (Reception) and Francesca (Nursery) were presented with our certificates. Sam always has a smile to share and is making a super effort in our learning together times, he bubbles with enthusiasm and has done a great job of remembering some of the owl facts we have been learning. Francesca joins in so nicely with Class 1's activities and has shown great determination when practicing her cutting skills.

**Arabella** was presented with our '**Writer of the Week**' certificate. Arabella knew what she wanted to say about owls and used her super phonic skills to share the fact, even using a full stop at the end!

This week began with World Kindness Day and, as part of anti-bullying week, in Class 1 we have been concentrating on how we can be kind and how it makes us feel when others are and are not kind to us. The children were a super audience for author Jane Clack on Tuesday morning and listened brilliantly to her story about Hilda the Hippo. They shared thoughtful ideas about kindness and about how we are the same but different.

We have continued to base much of our directed learning on the story '**Owl Babies**' by Martin Waddell. The children have been retelling the story and, as a whole class, we have been joining in with the repeated refrain "I want my mummy". Linked to this story we have been researching owls. Children volunteered things that they already knew about owls and we have been adding newly learned facts to our factfile as the week has gone on. The Reception children have applied their phonic skills to record some of these.

The **rhyme of the week** for our Nursery children has been 'Three Little Kittens' which has linked to our focus **number of the week**, number 3. As well as thinking about kittens and

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mittens the children's interests have this week pulled us in the direction of sharks. Some children have displayed a real interest and have enjoyed hearing, and recreating with puppets, the story of Shaun the Shy Shark, which tied in well with our anti-bullying theme.

Reception been practising and using all of our tricky words, as well as learning new words 'we', 'me' and 'be'. We have played bingo with these words and have been spelling some of our earlier words. The children worked together to read simple captions using these, and our other, tricky words. Next week we will begin to learn some new digraphs (two letters for one sound) as well as consolidating our letters and sounds learning so far.

The focus number of the week for Reception has been **number 10** and we have continued to use number lines to find more and less than numbers between 1 and 19. The children have also been developing their understanding of shapes and their properties.

The children have thought about others and about being thankful as we have explored the interest in Pudsey Bear to learn a little about Children in Need.

### **Dates for your Diaries**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November:** Drop-in parent/Key Worker Dialogue afternoon for Nursery parents, a chance to pop in and have a look at your child's learning journey while the children are busy in our main classroom.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> / Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> / Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** Key Stage 1 Nativity Play, featuring EYFS (Nursery and Reception) – you should have received a letter about costumes this week as well as a form to return regarding seats for the performances.

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 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**