



**MARTON-CUM-GRAFTON**  
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Class 1 News

19<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

A big well done to our first Class 1 Superstars of 2018!

Rosie received our Nursery certificate because of the great way in which she has settled into our class, arriving at each session with a smile. Our Reception certificate was presented to Jack in recognition of the great questions he asks so that he can find out more, as well as for his busy play and focus in the construction area.

This has been a week of superheroes and snowy weather!

The Reception children had a great time as we took a stroll, in small groups, down to the Post Office to post our thank you letters for the wonderful Christmas we all enjoyed. It was rather chilly but we grabbed the gap in rainy weather to wrap up warm and walk through the village. Many of the children have been excitedly letting us know that their post arrived.

We have continued to focus, as a whole class, on our simplified whole school rules **Be respectful. Be safe. Be ready.** The children are responding really well to the consistency in language across the school.

We are very lucky this half term because Mrs White is going to be in our class from Tuesday right through to Friday. This gives us plenty of opportunity to work even more closely with all children on their individual next steps (in all areas across the curriculum).

Following on with our superhero theme for learning the children heard one of the stories of Supertato by Sue Hendra. They have been thinking about super skills and powers and have been very busy decorating and disguising vegetables.

In phonics sessions Reception have been revisiting the digraphs ch, sh, th, ng, ai and ee. They have been writing and listening for these sounds as well as blending to read words that use them. It can be tricky to recognise that the

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letters, for example, s and h don't say 'ssss' and 'h' when next to each other and that they actually work as a team when a diagraph to say 'sh'.

Maths learning has concentrated on number recognition and ordering and has seen the children counting superheroes and put them in the correct order to crack codes. Our Nursery learners have been ordering superheroes according to size, using vocabulary of small, smaller, bigger, big, tall, short etc.

Of course we have all also had lots of fun with the weather this week. From splashing in puddles to wrapping up warm in the cold and playing with snow. We had lots of fun adding paint to snow to explore mixing colours and seeing if we could find ways to make snow melt more quickly.

We wish you all a happy weekend.

Best wishes,

**Mrs Williams and The Early Years Team**