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**Class 1 News**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week our **Class 1 Superstar certificates** were presented to **Percy** for Nursery and **Eva H.** for Reception. Percy joined our class at the beginning of this term and has settled in brilliantly, joining in with everything with such a lovely smile. Eva is always keen to learn and find out more. This week she has been a super participant in our maths learning and was able to show different pairs of numbers that could be added to make eight. Well done Percy and Eva!

This week we were very happy to award a **Writer of the Week** certificate to **Layla** for her careful sounding out and letter formation to write her 'I can' superhero sentence.

Today is also the first installment of our new whole school initiative of '**Hot Chocolate Friday**'. This involves staff nominating pupils who go 'above and beyond' in their approach to opportunities on offer in school. This might be something extra a child has done, said or contributed, or it may be a reflection of the consistency they may demonstrate in positive attitudes and in displaying our streamlined school rules: Be respectful, be safe and be ready. The children will be presented with a Wonka style 'golden ticket' which is their invitation to relax and reflect on their interests and achievements whilst enjoying a yummy cup of hot chocolate, hosted by a member (or members) of staff, including Mrs Thirlaway. On this occasion we are delighted to present the Early Years golden ticket to Lucas in recognition of his continued and consistent efforts in school. Lucas can be relied upon to make good choices in his playing and learning and to set a terrific example to others, at the same time as making the most of the provision on offer and having lots of fun whilst learning. Well done Lucas!

This week Reception **phonics** sessions have involved practising the spelling of some of our tricky words: he, she, be, me, we, was and you. The children were also introduced to reading the tricky word all. We have continued with revisiting the pre-taught digraphs including oa, oo, igh and ng.

In **maths** inputs the Reception children have been counting forwards and back and identifying the number that comes before and after another number. We also explored number 11 and what it looks like as a whole and the different ways it could

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be split into parts, providing an introduction to the idea of number bonds, e.g.  $5 + 6 = 11$ .

Our Nursery learners have also been developing their understanding of number by practising their number recognition. Some of our children have also been ordering numbers to 6 and even beyond.

We have continued to use superheroes to engage the children in their learning. We have been thinking about superpowers and the things that we can do and things we can't quite do yet but would like to be able to do, recognising that these were different for each of us.

There's has also been lots of fun outside in the mud kitchen and in our water tray which, instead of water, was filled with oats. It's always wonderful to hear the amazing language and vocabulary that the children use in these, sometimes messy, sensory activities.

### **Home Learning**

It seems that a number of home learning books may still be at home from before the Christmas holiday. We have sent home a home learning sheet with those children for whom we do not appear to have a book, others have been stuck into books as normal. If your child has not come home with their blue book this week **please could you take a look around at home and send it in next week**. We will also be double-checking that books haven't been misplaced in school! If your child's book does not turn up we will start a new book next week.

### **Reception Show and Tell**

Reception children should all have brought home a sheet indicating their show and tell date for this half term. There is also a list up on the cloakroom notice board for you to check. The first children will have their turn on Monday.

Have a great weekend, we look forward to seeing you next week when we be taking part in Storytelling Week with the rest of the school.

Best wishes,

**Mrs Williams and The Early Years Team**