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Class 1 News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to this week's **Class 1 Superstars**. Our Nursery certificate was awarded to **Annabelle** and the Reception certificate was given to **Kayden**. Anabelle joined the nursery group of our class this term and has really settled in well, joining in with activities and getting to know lots of new faces. Kayden was also new to our class at the beginning of this term. He has been making a big effort to adapt to the new routines and rules across the school day. Keep up the great work!

Eva S. was awarded our **Writer of the Week** certificate for her independent approach to writing within her own playing and learning.

We have loved celebrating National Storytelling Week with the rest of the school this week. Our Nursery and Reception learners worked together brilliantly to suggest which book titles 17 different sets of clues were pointing to when we went into the hall on Monday afternoon. Members of staff chose a story to supply props/clues for and these were set up on tables in the hall. We encouraged the Early Years children to move around the tables in groups, sharing ideas they thought might be the right answer. Props were on display for books ranging from Little Red Riding Hood to The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe and from Aliens Love Underpants to The Magic Porridge Pot. We had an exciting afternoon.

In addition, each day this week, the children from Nursery right up to Year 6 have split into house team groups for a daily storytime before lunch. The children have been read to by a different member of staff in each session and have heard some familiar and some brand new stories. Can your child tell you about one of the books they shared?

Our Superhero learning has continued with upside down writing in the Superhero HQ on Monday, when children were able to lie on their backs to write and draw on the papered underside of the tables. They have also been rescuing superheroes from the fire and then had to count, record and compare the number of saves. The whole of Class 1 have also enjoyed the story of SuperBat by Matt Carr, linked to sharing ideas about how to be helpful.

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In **phonics** sessions our Reception learners have been introduced to two new digraphs 'ar' as in farm and 'or' as on fork. They also continue to practise the reading and spelling of some of our tricky words.

In **maths** inputs the Reception children have been exploring more and less and spotting the missing numbers. Our number of the week has been 12. The children shared ideas about 12, some found 12 objects, some wrote a number sentence (or sum), some drew a picture of e.g. 12 cakes and others wrote the number 12. As a whole class the children have been exploring positional language in their indoor and outdoor play as well as in 'learning together' time.

It has been a fun and busy week.

Best wishes for a happy weekend,

Mrs Williams and the Early Years Team