



Autumn Term  
fun care safe respect learn

## HEAD TEACHER'S HIGHLIGHTS

Dear parents

We have finished our half term with a delightful week. The children have completed their topic Once Upon a Time which gave them lots of opportunity to explore stories and stimulated them with their own writing. They will move on to a topic about India next half term. With that in mind they enjoyed finding out how people celebrate the festival of Diwali on Thursday.

We also had a super hibernation day. This is becoming one of our favourites especially with our visit from our local tortoise Sheldon. An amazing creature which never fails to interest children. They also found out about other animals that hibernate and many of the children are keen to share the hibernation facts they have been learning about. Many thanks to Friends of School for their input into the day. The hot chocolate went down a treat.

I would also like to bring to your attention to our online safety talk that we will be holding for parents on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 3:00 pm (approximately 30 minutes.) It is always useful to raise your awareness of the latest ways to help keep your child safe online.

Wishing a very happy Diwali to any of our friends and families that will be celebrating in the coming week.

Have a relaxing and fun half term.

Best wishes

Jenny Griffiths



# IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

Half Term—October 24th—28th Inclusive Return to school Monday 31st October.

Tuesday 1st November—Parents Afternoon

7th November—Parent/Carer Online Safety Talk 3pm approximately 30 mins

Thursday 10th November—Open Morning 10am

Monday 14th November 2022—Bags to School—Please use your own bags

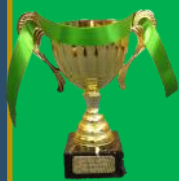
Friday 18th November—Children in Need—(Further details to follow)

## THE RETREAT

The Retreat Rooftop Garden provides a quiet space with a wide range of sensory experiences where visitors can immerse themselves in the scents, textures and colours of this relaxing space. Designed for all to enjoy, The Retreat has been developed in close partnership with **Telford Autism Hub**. Many people with ASD have difficulties in processing everyday sensory information so the garden has been designed as a lovely area of escape. While visiting The Retreat you will also have opportunity to see the **Thousand Heart project**. A lasting tribute of remembrance of those lost during the pandemic and of gratitude to all those that have given and done so much to help others. Located on 3rd floor of the Next and Zara car park, by House of Fraser, The Retreat is open daily. <https://www.telfordcentre.com/visit/the-retreat/>

### This Week's Winning Team is

**GREEN TEAM**



### Kids4£1 is back for October Half Term

Telford & Wrekin Council's kids4£1 programme includes weekend and weekday across the full 7 days from Monday 24 October to Sunday 30 October.

Telford Ice Rink have also planned their Halloween themed fun including a spooky disco and fancy dress competition on the ice.

Find out more and start planning on the [Kids for a Quid](#) website.

### LOOKING FOR A SCHOOL PLACE SEPTEMBER 2023?

The online admissions application process is now available at [www.telford.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.telford.gov.uk/admissions).

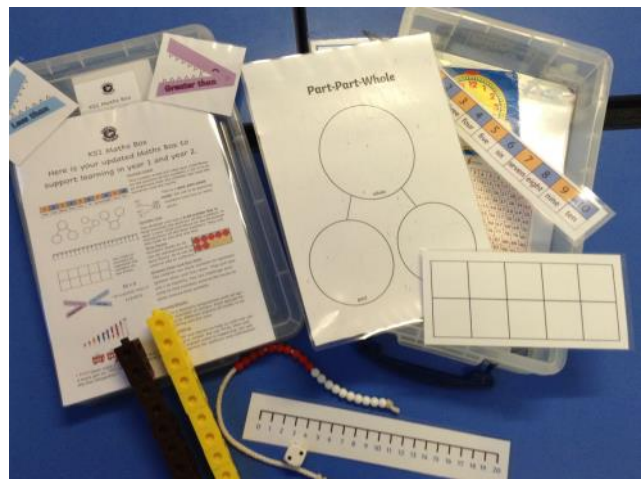
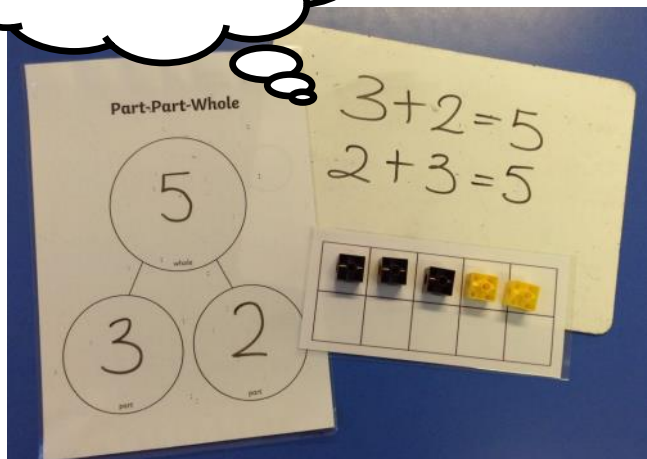
#### The following deadlines apply this year:

- Applying for Reception Year school places to start in September 2023 (starting school for the first time) - **closing date 15 January 2023**
- Applying for Infant to Junior school (Year 2 into Year 3) places to start in September 2023 (current Year 2 pupils) - **closing date 15 January 2023**
- If a child has an Education, Health & Care Plan the closing date is **31st October 2022 for all applications.**

## Maths Boxes

Today we have given out maths boxes to our year 1 children to use at home. We hope you will find them useful.

How can we make 5?



There is a variety of resources in the box which your child will be familiar with as we use them in our maths lessons. If you have time you might like to see if your child can make number bonds to 5 using the part, part whole model, the tens frame and the whiteboard.

If anyone would like to ask questions about how to use the resources please don't hesitate to contact by email  
[sharon.powell2@taw.org.uk](mailto:sharon.powell2@taw.org.uk)

## **HIBERNATION DAY**





# Once upon a time in Class 1



Well, what an exciting, busy week we have had in Class 1!

We learned about Autumn and wrote Autumn sensory poems, used crunchy Autumn leaves to make beautiful artwork and spelled CVC words using conkers!

Then we learned all about the Hindu festival, Diwali! We listened to the story of Rama and Sita, made colourful rangoli patterns using coloured rice and pulses and made beautiful Diya lamps out of salt dough!

And finally, we have enjoyed a lovely hibernation day in our pyjamas!

In maths reception have been learning about 'more than' and 'fewer than' and year one have been that a whole can be split into two or more parts in many different ways.

In phonics this week we have learned the sounds u, b, f and e. We found lots of sounds scattered around the playground and learned that we can blend the sounds together to make words!

What a lovely, fun week to end a fabulous half term! We hope you all have a fantastic week off and look forward to hearing all about your adventures when we return to school on the 31st!



**STAR OF THE WEEK**



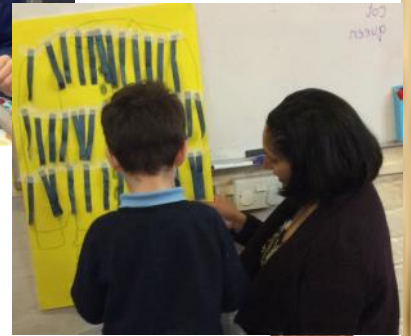
**Rewarded for practicing his phonics at home.**

# Once upon a time in Class 2

I can't believe we have reached the end of our first half term. I am so proud of how the children have settled into their routines. To end our topic on 'Traditional Tales' the class have been making a story setting in a shoe box and characters to help retell the story of Peter and the Wolf. It has been wonderful to see the children working with their peers, solving problems, and developing their making skills.

I enjoyed making the wolf and attaching the arms with a split pin so they can move.

On Thursday morning we celebrated Diwali. Mrs Dhaliwal shared the Sikh story and the children learned about the 52 tassels the Guru tied onto his cloak to help the princes escape the prison. The children also made divas and enjoyed Diwali dancing.



**Rewarded being a wonderful role model around school.**

**STAR OF THE WEEK**



# *Celebrating Success*

## **REWARDS OF THE WEEK**

**Well done to all the children that received an award for Marvellous Mathematician, Wonderful writer, hand writer of the week, Reader of the week or Breakfast Club Superstar. Keep up the hard work.**



### **Class 1**



### **Class 2**

# Celebrating Success

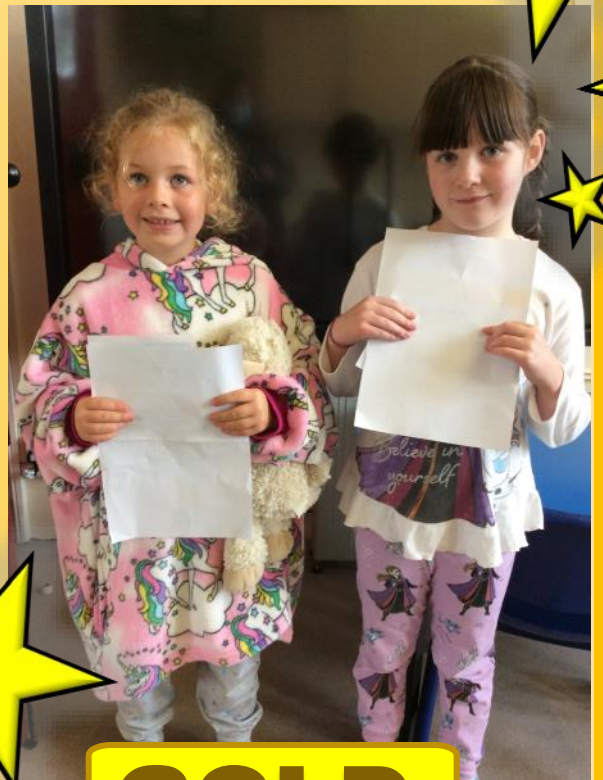
**MATHLETICS**



**BRONZE**



**SILVER**



**GOLD**