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NEWSLETTER
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Spring Term

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HEAD TEACHER'S HIGHLIGHTS

Dear parents

A cold and snowy week. The children really enjoyed playing with their friends in the snow. They were full of joy making snowballs, snowmen, sliding and generally delighting in the snowfall. It was just enough to make it fun for them. A refreshing change from the dark and rainy days of the last few weeks.

You may have noticed that your child has brought home a new Read Write Inc book. A Book Bag Book. This is a follow up book to the ones they are reading during their guided reading /phonics time in school. Once they have worked with their teacher on their reading book for three days, they will be given the Book Bag Book to support phonic knowledge and reading with fluency. The children should hopefully read the Book Bag Book with confidence. Please indicate in your child's reading diary how they are getting on, that will help their teacher with further assessments of your child's reading. Your child will also be bringing their normal book band book as well to help ensure they are reading a wide range of books.

The children were busy finding out about the year that they were born and which animal it represents in the Chinese calendar. They also listened to the story of the Chinese New Year and thought about the characteristics of the different animals.

Wishing any of our friends and families who are celebrating the Chinese New Year this weekend a very happy day.

I have finally succumbed to Covid for the first time, I tested positive Thursday afternoon. Hopefully it will be short lived. I am still available by email if need be.

Best wishes

Jenny Griffiths



IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

25th January & 1st February— Class 2 swimming 8th February – final Class 2 swimming

3rd February – Reception NCMP Height and Weight checks – see letter and leaflets sent home this week

17th Feb - Valentine's Mufti

30th March - Spring Fayre Inc Easter bonnet competition



OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done on your award at netball for great passing.

Read Write Inc

Home Reading Books

Look out for your RWI books in your book bags to read at home. Please record in the reading diaries.



This **Winning Team is** **YELLOW TEAM** Week's

No Day like a Snow Day

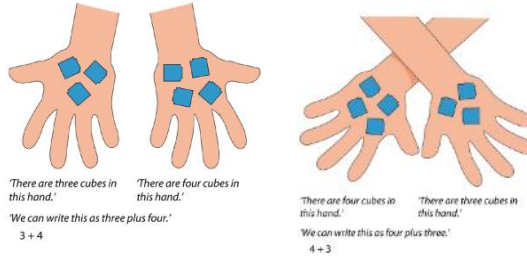


Ship Ahoy! with Class 1

We have been cold, snowy pirates this week in class one! What a lovely surprise to wake up to a beautiful blanket of snow on Wednesday morning! The children have loved playing outside, making snow angels, snowmen and throwing the odd snowball or two of course!

We have continued our pirate theme this week and our focus text has been a very funny book called *The Pirates Next Door*. The children have loved writing about how they would make Jim Lad and his family feel welcome at our school, unlike the unkind neighbours in the book!

In maths this week reception have been thinking about '1 more' and 'NOT 1 more' and have enjoyed making staircases out of blocks. The year 1 children have started a new topic on additive structures. They will write an expression for the arrangement of objects in front of them. They will also see that this can be commutative.



In phonics this week we have been recapping the sounds ay, ee, igh, ow and oo.

We learned about some famous boat designers this week in our design and technology lesson. The children were particularly impressed with *The Spirit of Australia* which currently holds the world record for the fastest speed travelled by boat! Next week we will be designing our own boats.

Have a lovely weekend and we look

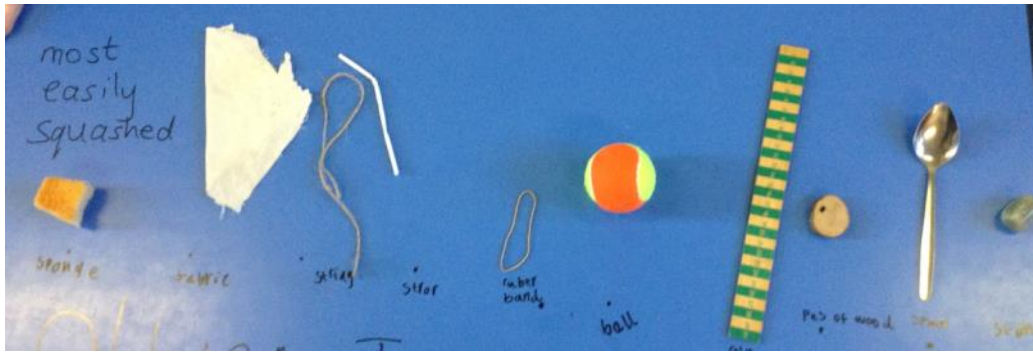
Class 1 Star



Rewarded for always being a super role model.

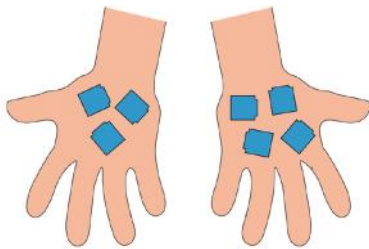
It's been an exciting week in Class 2!

The children are thoroughly immersed in the topic Ship Ahoy! They have been thinking about the different roles, the crew on a ship could have. Also they have been learning about being a carpenter, a ship's cook, a soldier, and a ship surgeon. Which role would you rather have?



In science the class have been testing objects to find out if they stretch, bend, twist, or squash. They tested sponge, rubber bands, stone, rulers and more. Can you guess which object the most easily squashed?

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'There are four cubes in this hand.'

'We can write this as three plus four.'

$$3 + 4$$

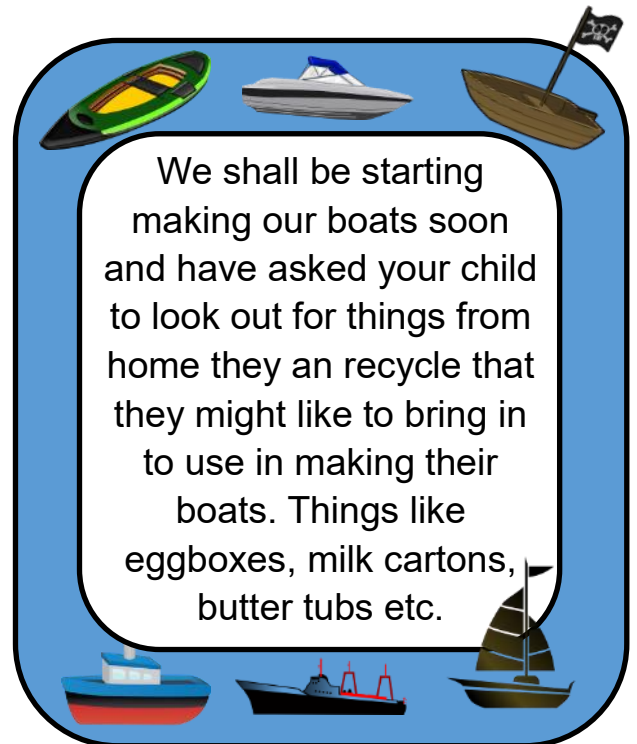


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'We can write this as four plus three.'

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Class 2 Star



Rewarded for being helpful in class helping his peers and being an all round super worker.

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

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MATHLETICS



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Well Done!

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