

## Newsletter 11 - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Families,

It has been a very quiet week at school and we are all missing the children so much! We look forward to welcoming them all back towards the end of next week. Just a reminder: Reception Class are due back on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November and Year 2 on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November. The Home Learning that has been taking place has been brilliant! Yet again, you are being a fantastic support to us by keeping all that learning ticking over at home which we know is not always easy. Both year groups have had live or recorded learning opportunities which I know you have appreciated and the teaching staff have really enjoyed interacting with the children in this way. We will continue with this next week until we can meet in person. Please join us for assembly on Monday at the later time of 2:45pm if you are able. The children that have been coming in have looked a bit lost at times and are looking forward to seeing everyone back again too! Let's find out what each class has been up to.

### This week's round up around the school:

**Nursery:** This week, we have learned all about polar bears as part of our Arctic exploration. We had lots of fun making ice dens out of sugar cubes and experimented with 'blubber' gloves as we learned how to keep our hands warm in icy water!

**Reception:** It's been a very strange week in reception! We're really proud of all of our children who have worked so hard at their home learning. We've nearly finished learning our set 1 speed sounds in phonics, and we've had lots of fun playing number bond games in maths. Our project this week even had us doing chores for our adults at home - you're welcome, adults!

**Year One:** A highlight from this week was our journey into the enchanted forest. We encountered a wizard who helped us create nature wands! We explored different materials and made our wands using both natural objects like leaves and feathers, and we also used wool! Also, the children did their hot write this week: a letter to Little Red Riding Hood's Grandma. They have worked so hard and the staff are so impressed with the final outcome! Well done Year One!

**Year Two:** Year 2 have been busy working on their home learning this week. It has been great to see lots of children joining in with the online Maths, Writing and Phonics lessons. Miss Pollitt has been super impressed with their hot writes this week based on the story 'Pumpkin Soup'.

**Year 2 Phonics Check:** Thank you to the parents that joined me for a meeting regarding the Phonics Check. If you were unable to attend, there is information about it on the Year 2 Teams with some resources for you to use with your child to help them get ready for it.

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**Harrier Award:** The Harrier Value for this half term is Respect. Please see below who has been chosen by the staff to receive this special award that was presented in our virtual assembly this morning.

Congratulations to the following children:

Class	Name	Reason
Nursery	Delilah	Delilah never leaves without saying 'thank you' to the staff for her morning at Nursery. She also listens beautifully on the carpet and waits patiently for her name to go and play.
Reception	Dennis	Dennis has been working so hard on his Phonics while being at home and has made excellent progress! We're very proud of him!
Year 1	Fleur	Fleur shows respect both to adults and to her friends. Fleur respects other children's feeling and is always looking after her friends!
Year 2	Lukas	Lukas has been working so hard on his home learning this week - we are so proud of him!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend. Stay safe.

Best wishes,

Mrs Hopkins & The Henhurst Ridge Primary Academy Family

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