

Slingsby Community Primary School – Spring 1 Class 1 Newsletter.



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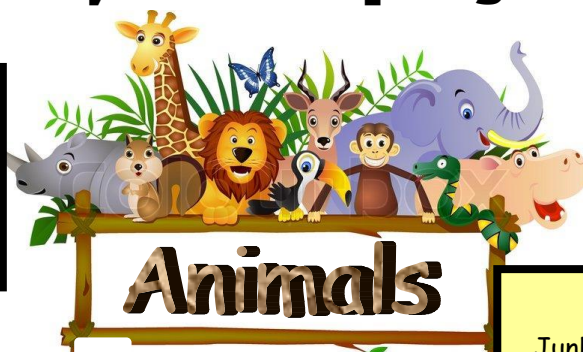
Children using the Tuff Cams to take video clips of stories performed with friends. Giving and following directions using the BeeBot robot.

Music

Using song to retell traditional tales. Playing instruments to match mood or create effects.

Languages

Saying good morning or afternoon in different languages



Events

Lego Day 14-1-20
Flamingo Land Trip 28-1-20
Athletes in school 11-2-20
Parent's evenings:
24th & 25th March

Art/DT

Junk modelling, then modelling using plasticine and clay. Using line to enclose space to form shapes. Mixing colours.

RE and PSE

To experience world festivals such as Chinese New Year. We are using the CBeebies programme Treasure Champs to talk about our feeling.

Understanding the World

Make observations of themselves and seasons. Talk about changes that occur with long nights and short days. To experience world festivals such as Chinese New Year, Shrove Tuesday and Holi. Creating maps, giving and following instructions. Learning left and right.

Science

Naming and sorting animals. Observing changes and differences. Naming and labelling pets. farm and wild animals.

Maths

Adding and subtracting numbers 0-20. Recognising numerals 11-20, then beyond. To say 1 more and 1 less than any number 1-20. To name and find 3D shapes around school. To measure lengths and weights using non-standard units

Physical Development

Exploring different ways of moving, jumping off objects and landing safely. We are learning to balance, make body shapes and how to roll safely.

Literacy

Traditional tales: Three Little Pigs, Three Billy Goats Gruff, Little Red Riding Hood, Each Peach Pear Plum. Amazing Animal Texts. Reading and writing tricky words.

Important information

- Class 1 is taught by Mr Mortimer and Mrs Mitchell Tuesday – Friday. Mrs Mitchell teaches class one on Monday with the support of Mrs Turner and Mrs Scott.
- Class 1 are lucky enough to receive additional help from volunteers who are members of our Slingsby community. Our volunteer reader Mrs Thompson is still coming into class 1 each Monday and Thursday afternoon to listen to readers.
- Class 1 receive expert PE teaching from Mr Green each Thursday afternoon. We still have a further PE session, led by Mr Mortimer, on Friday mornings, when we swap rooms with Class 2 and use the Reading Rooms in colder, inclement weather.
- We welcome Miss Libbie Thwaites into class 1 for a visit on Tuesday next week. Miss Thwaites is undertaking her final teaching placement with us from the University College of St John in York. She will visit a further four times before her block 27th January- Friday 27th March.

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- Last Friday saw class 1 posting their thank you for Christmas letters. These were addressed to home, so should have arrived over the weekend. The children have all worked hard to make a card with unused Christmas paper. They sounded out the words; thank you, using our phonic sound mat.
- The letter with information for our trip to Flamingo Land will follow in the next few days.
- Please could we ask for donations of decking plank off-cuts or bricks and breeze blocks for our outdoor area next week. Our story is The Three Little Pigs and as part of the learning we will use construction materials to design and build houses and dens. Decking planks no longer than 1.5 metres and whole bricks or blocks can be left by the side gate next to the staff car park (please do not block the path). Many thanks!
- **A reminder that the sharing of 'weekend' books** still takes place each Wednesday. For next week can we request that you and your child share one or more of your Christmas family traditions. This could anything from attending Christmas services in church to a picture of the family wearing matching pyjamas! It could also be photographs of a shared experience or a new tradition that you may now repeat every year. It has been lovely to see children attempting to copy or write few sentences that describe events or conversations too!
- Phonic home books will be updated this week to include some of the phase 3 letter and *most* groups have now got set 2 and 3 letter sounds to practise. The writing formation is a little small, but there as a guide for children to practise on the back of the sheet, or using paints or chalk outside.
- The children are also bringing their guided reading books home again from this week too. We have 6 copies of each book for groups of children to share so it is vitally important that these are returned to school each week. PLEASE write in your child's reading diary, noting the pages they have read whenever you share the books—or just sign and date it. In school, your child will be heard read once each week individually and in a guided group of 4-5 children to develop their decoding, blending and reading skills weekly.
- A reminder that all parents are welcome to attend our weekly celebration assembly on Friday 3pm-3:30 each week. This takes place in the reading rooms and is led by Mrs Metcalfe. Children receive certificates and special awards. If your child will be receiving an award, then you should receive a text message reminder by Friday lunchtime. Please ensure that we have up-to-date contact information to enable us to do this.
- We will send the games kit bags home for washing on Friday and this should be returned to school for Tuesday morning please. Mr Green endeavours to teach games outside whenever possible so please send warmer clothes (including jogging bottoms, fleece and trainers) over these winter months. Thank you