

# CLASS ONE

Good to see you all back!

## National Bookstart Week

Next half term we will be celebrating National Bookstart week. The children will be learning more about books and stories, and how we tell and read them. The theme this year is 'Under the Sea' so we are hoping to organise a trip to the National Marine Aquarium in Plymouth. Alongside all this, we are hoping to run some workshops for parents to give you a few extra ideas of how you can support your child with their reading and love of stories. Watch this space!

## Shops

This term we are learning more about our local community and plan to take the children on a walk to Mutley Plain to visit a variety of shops. We will look at what can be bought in different types of shops and how we use money. With the children's help, we will be setting up our own 'shop' in the classroom so they can practise the skills they will learn on our trip. Please make sure your child has their school coat in school so we can go on our trip sometime soon! We would also appreciate items for our shop e.g. empty boxes.



## A new arrival!

We have been very lucky this year to have been able to witness first hand the miracle of new life! Class One have been caring for some chicken eggs over the past few weeks, and just before the end of last term, we were fortunate to watch one of the eggs hatch! Francesca the baby chick is the newest edition to the Fletewood family and the children are thrilled to have her in our classroom. We have been learning about growth and change, and while Francesca was staying with Mrs Hall during the Easter holiday, she grew to almost 3 times her original size!

You can keep up to date with Francesca's progress by logging into your child's Tapestry account. We look forward to seeing how much more Francesca will grow before becoming an adult!





## General notices and reminders:

- As we are now in the summer term, many children have new or different uniform. We have noticed that some of the items haven't been labelled, including lunch boxes and PE clothes and shoes. Please check your child's clothes and lunch boxes as soon as possible so that we can avoid children going home with the wrong uniform. Thank you.
- If your child only attends morning sessions, they are still welcome to bring a healthy snack for break time. Please see the parents' board for the full list of acceptable snacks.
- For any parents who are interested in learning more about the Early Years please visit [www.gov.uk/early-years-foundation-stage](http://www.gov.uk/early-years-foundation-stage).



## Sensory play

The children have particularly enjoyed exploring and learning through using all of their senses. We have provided them with a range of tools, toys, 'real' items, etc, to enhance their development. We know that children become far more engaged when they can use a range of senses at the same time so we have been promoting this as much as possible within our daily classroom routine.

So far, we have provided the children with the opportunity to explore their sense of smell and taste through working and playing with herbs and other food items; they have explored their sense of touch through measuring with water and soil with a variety of different textured, sized and shaped containers. These activities have also developed their visual and auditory skills, fully covering all five of our senses to achieve maximum impact from their exploration.

We are always looking for new ideas to encourage the children to develop their skills and understanding. Please keep adding items to Tapestry to show us your child's interests out of school so that we can use some of those ideas in our classroom, too.

