Spring Term 2 19 April 2017

# CLASS ONE

## Hope you had a great Easter!

### **Goldilocks**

Our topic this half term is Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children are going to be learning by heart the story of Goldilocks and you might find them telling the story with actions! Please encourage them to tell you the story with actions and different voices for each of the characters.

We will also be looking at different types of bears found in the wild. Please encourage your child to talk about what they have learnt.

# **Supporting your** child

Research shows that the main influence children have during their education is the support of their parents. There are a number of ways that you can further support your child at home. We are continuing to add observations to Tapestry which you can contribute to yourselves. On Class One's page on the website, there are weekly updates on what your child is learning and how you can help them. We now give you daily updates in your child's 'work journal' that you can use to support your child.



# **Art lessons**

It was fantastic for the children to be given the opportunity to learn about art from two professional artists, recently. They explored a variety of techniques, including drawing, painting and collage. The children had a great time and were praised by both artists for their concentration and good manners.

The artwork went on display at our Art Extravaganza at the end of term, which was a great success. If you have not yet had the opportunity to purchase your child's painting, they will be sent home soon with the chance for you to make a donation towards the funds we are raising for our charities, Shekinah and ADRA.



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# 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. Can I also please remind you that the summer dress is to be worn by the girls and that white socks are acceptable rather than tights. Thank you.
- May I please remind you about the termly payments for snack time. This term the charge will once again be £11. You have the option of paying weekly, termly or having the charge added to your school fees.
  From September, those wishing to pay termly through the fee statement, will have it added to their statement in advance.
- For any parents who are interested in learning more about the Early Years, please visit www.gov.uk/early-yearsfoundation-stage.

#### **Easter**

The children had the opportunity to participate in a number of Easter themed activities last term, including making Easter nests, Easter cards and Easter baskets. They learnt about the true meaning of Easter during their assemblies and have hopefully gone away with an understanding of the importance of being kind to one another and standing up for our friends.



## New life

Last year we were privileged to witness the birth of a baby chicken. This year, the children were given the opportunity to see the change that occurs in caterpillars and the beginning of life of a frog. They were very excited to see how the creatures grew and changed over time. The butterflies all hatched out safely over the Easter holidays.

