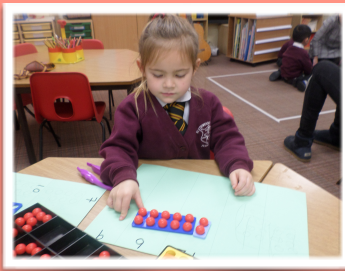


CLASS ONE

Happy New Year!

Numicon:

The children are loving using one of our newer maths resources - Numicon. It is great for visualising maths problems and can help with all sorts of calculations - counting, addition, subtraction, and much more! Please keep an eye out on Tapestry for what your child has learnt using this great resource.



Fireworks:

We celebrated bonfire night in style, this year, with Class 2 joining us for a virtual fireworks display, information about how to stay safe on bonfire night, using 'sparklers', and drinking hot chocolate! A lot of fun was had by all!



Didn't they do well!

Wow! What a lovely nativity your child took part in this year! They looked wonderful and sounded great! The children worked really hard to learn their song words and their actions 'on stage'! We are really proud of them and I know you are too. Well done boys and girls! We hope you all enjoyed joining in with the festive Christmas songs, too!

Chinese New Year

We are planning on celebrating Chinese New Year in school again this year. As it falls during the half term holiday, we will celebrate it on Friday 9th February instead. If anyone is able to offer any support with our celebrations we would be very grateful. Thank you.



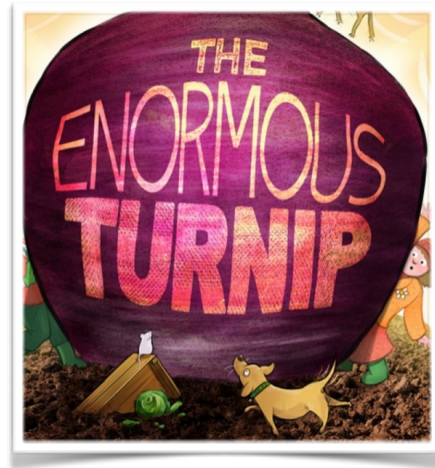
General notices and reminders:

- Could I please ask all parents to check that their child is wearing the correct, fully labelled uniform each day as a few children are missing items such as ties, correct pinafore dresses, hats and blue overcoats. If you have any queries, please come and speak to a member of staff. Thank you.
- Can I please remind all parents that the £1 a week charge for snack is payable either weekly, termly (at the cost of £11 this term) or can be added to your termly fee statement. Could you please let a member of staff know your preference. Thank you.
- Please make sure your child's book bag is checked daily for any pictures, paintings, etc, they might have done. If it is emptied regularly, it is much easier for you to see any letters that may be sent home - particularly those containing consent forms to be signed. Thank you.
- For any parents who are interested in learning more about the Early Years please visit www.gov.uk/early-years-foundation-stage.



Trip to the Theatre

The children had a great time visiting the Theatre Royal to see The Enormous Turnip last month. They were all so very well behaved both on the walk there and back to school and when sitting in the theatre itself. They were a credit to both yourselves and the school. Well done, boys and girls!



Cultures in our Class

This half term we are planning on finding out more about different cultures from around the world. We thought it would be most relevant to look at cultures present in Class One at the moment. With that in mind, we will be exploring a different country each week over the next five weeks. We will be studying the UK, Germany, Romania, Vietnam and China. We are going to look at a number of areas, including: food; flags; traditional dress; music; locating the countries on a world map; weather; royal families; history; traditions, and more!

I'm sure you can appreciate that there is a lot to learn from each other! With this in mind, we would be grateful for any contributions parents might be able to make in the form of visiting us to talk about the country you and/or your child is from, coming in to cook traditional foods with us, sharing pictures/videos of special customs and traditions your family follows, and anything else you think the children would benefit from learning about. I am excited to share the experiences with the children and I am sure they will learn a great deal. Please let us know if you can help in any way. Thank you.