

CLASS ONE

Happy New Decade!

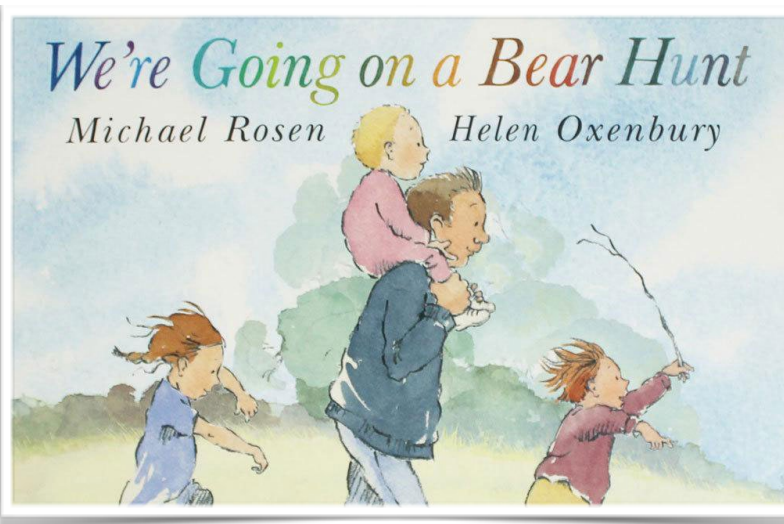
Toddler Group:

We are hoping to set up a Parent and Toddler group in Class 1 on a Monday afternoon from 1:30pm until 3pm starting in the near future. The response we have had so far from parents has been very positive so, once we have the logistics worked out, we will let you know how the afternoon will run.

Once we have made a decision, we may well be asking for donations of toys for babies and toddlers as we are currently only equipped for 3-5 year olds, but I will let you know closer to the time! Watch this space!

Stick Insects:

The children have been fascinated watching the growth of our two Australian stick insects, lyla and Eva. They have moulted 4 times each, now, and are not even half of their final size! They are both female so we may even get some eggs when they are adults! Keep an eye on Tapestry for more pictures as they continue to grow.



We're Going on a Bear Hunt

This term we are looking at two books: Michael Rosen's 'We're going on a Bear Hunt', and Vivian French's 'Oliver's Milkshake'. We will be doing lots of work in the classroom around both of these books so keep your eye on Tapestry to see what we get up to!

We will be going on some trips to further our understanding of the books, too. We are planning a trip to Buckland Abbey to go on a Bear Hunt through the woods. Hopefully, weather permitting, we will do that before the end of January to make the most of the school's National Trust membership!

We are also planning a trip to Shake Away in town before the end of the term to show the children a variety of milkshakes to get ideas for making our own milkshakes back in school.



General notices and reminders:

- If you have not yet paid this term's snack money, then please see a member of staff. This term's snack fee comes to £11. Thank you to all of you who have already paid.
- I am afraid that we are still finding that many of the children's items of clothing are not yet labelled. This is particularly noticeable during PE sessions on a Tuesday afternoon when it becomes difficult to work out which shirt/tie/dress etc. belongs to which child. We would be grateful if you could please make sure that ALL items of clothing, including coats, hats, lunchboxes, etc. are all fully labelled so that we can ensure each child goes home with the correct uniform. Thank you.
- For any parents who are interested in learning more about the Early Years, please visit www.gov.uk/early-years-foundation-stage.



Chinese New Year

We are really looking forward to celebrating Chinese New Year again, this year. Thank you to all of the parents so far who have offered to bring in food or to come and talk to the children and share traditions with us. The children and staff all look forward to this time of year! If you have not yet had a chance to speak to me regarding your ideas for Chinese New Year, then please come and find me and I will be happy to hear what your ideas are!



Light sources

As part of our topic work on We're Going on a Bear Hunt, we are going to be making a cave in the classroom. This will give us the opportunity to investigate different sources of light. If you have any old torches that you are happy for the children to play with in school, then please send one in with your child. Please only lend us something that isn't precious as, although we will do our best to keep it safe, sometimes accidents do happen!



