

# Year 1 Class Newsletter

## Friday 19th January 2018



### Important Dates:

Cherry Class PE: Thursdays

Cherry Class swimming: Wednesdays

Hazel Class PE: Tuesday & Wednesdays

**Multiskills festival at Easton College: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> of January.** Please send your child to school in jogging bottoms / leggings and t-shirt and jumper. Your child will also need a water bottle.

**Phonics workshops for parents / carers: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> of January at 9:00 and 2:30**



We have had a wonderful time using 'Little Red Riding Hood' as a starting point for our writing. We have retold the story in many different ways including acting and puppets. We are now changing the characters and the setting of the story and re-writing it.

In Phonics we are working on segmenting (breaking words down into each sound eg: cat becomes c-a-t) and blending (putting the sounds together to read eg: c-a-t becomes cat) words when reading and spelling. We are especially reviewing the phonemes (letter sounds) made by trigraphs (three letters making one sound) /air/ as in hair, /ear/ as in beard, /ure/ as in pure and /igh/ as in light .

Please make sure that you are practising with your child at home using the sound mats you were given at parent / carer consultations. During our phonics session we make sure the children are forming their letters correctly, including the ascenders, descenders and capital letters.

In Maths we have been learning to tell the time to o'clock, half past and quarter past / to. Many children are beginning to tell the time to 'past' times by counting the minutes in 1s and 5s around the clock. Some children are becoming increasingly confident at reading all times on the clock.

This week we have worked on comparing lengths. Thank you for cutting out so many wriggly worms for us to order! The children have used the terms 'longer', 'shorter', 'longest' and 'shortest'. We are also measuring items using non-standard measures such as cubes, paperclips and lolly sticks. We have to remember the rules for accurate measuring!



In Geography we are learning about the 7 continents and 5 oceans. We are 'travelling' to a country in each continent over the course of the next few weeks.

It was wonderful to see so many of you in class getting messy with glue and creating such amazing papier mache globes. Thank you so much for coming.

At home you could:

- ☺ Practise ordering items from shortest to longest using the words longer, shorter. Talk about how you know something is longer or shorter.
- ☺ Practise reading and spelling the words on our Year 1 word list.
- ☺ Play games using the sound mats.
- ☺ Go on [phonicsplay.co.uk](http://phonicsplay.co.uk) and choose some of the free games
- ☺ Practise counting forwards and backwards and in 2s, 5s and 10s.
- ☺ Practise recognising numbers.
- ☺ Read as much as possible with your child, encouraging them to use the sound mat to assist their independent reading.

