

# Year 1 Newsletter

5<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Welcome back Year 1.

Firstly, we would like to extend our thank you to everyone who sent us wishes for a Happy Christmas, those that sent cards and those that felt we deserved a gift. It was all much appreciated.

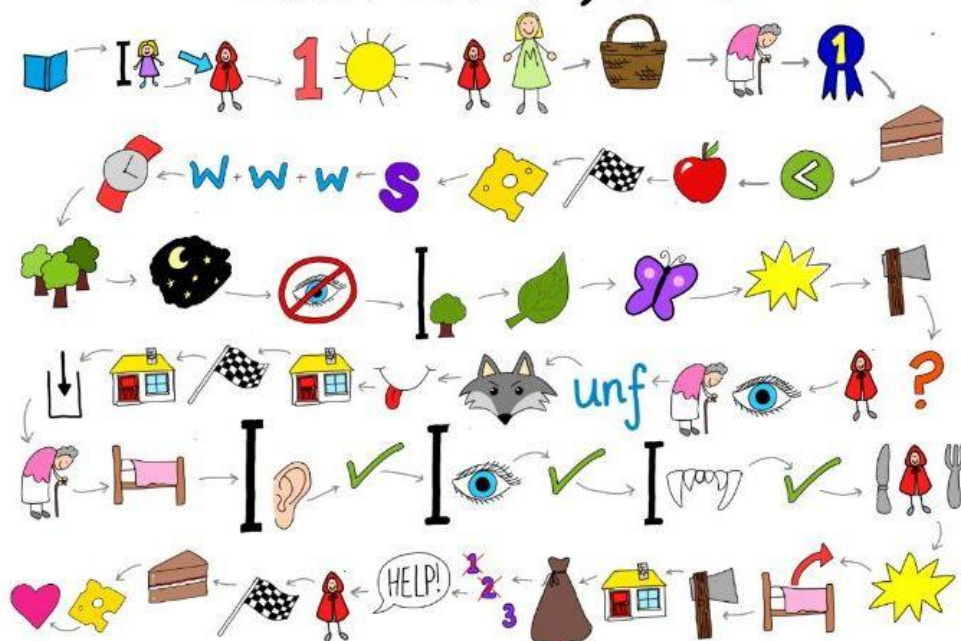
We have loved hearing about all the wonderful gifts the children received, the tasty dinners and the memories you made. The children seem ready to learn and get stuck in with our new topics.

What is going on in the classroom?

## English

This half term we are looking at Little Red Riding Hood. The children will be focusing on developing an exciting setting which creates an image in the readers head. This week we have been learning the story using this story map to help us.

### Little Red Riding Hood



## Maths

We begin our learning on numbers 11 – 20 a deepening our understanding as how these numbers are made up.

Using a range of resources they will look at these numbers following the "10-and-a-bit" structure. They will use Ten frames, number pieces, towers of cubes, Rekenreks and bead strings all support children to see the full ten and part of the next ten to support their place value understanding. This understanding is crucial to future work on addition and subtraction.

## Topic

This term our topic will be Coastlines.

The main driver for this subject is Geography. The children are looking at the human and physical features of coastlines and how to read keys on maps. In Science they will be looking closely at plants, introducing the scientific language of germination and identifying parts of trees and plants. In History we are looking at Whitby. We would love to see any pictures of you/your child in Whitby to help us understand how it has changed over time. In Art we will be looking at drawing flowers in detail using a range of techniques and materials.

## **Family Box**

*Flynn shared a special picture of his family, his Mummy, Daddy and Able. Flynn spoke about his brother Able and brought in a "I am special" badge to raise awareness of autism. He shared a picture of his dogs Humphrey and Daphne. Able recently said "Achoo" which Flynn was very proud of. Flynn brought in his Flamingo from Scotland. He enjoyed his holiday there. Flynn brought in his favourite Pokemon toy. He loves it because it shoots water out its' shoulders. He knows lots about how the Pokemon work and what their special abilities are. Flynn brought in a Pokemon magazine which had lots of different activities in. Flynn also brought in Pokemon cards and knew about their different special powers. He brought in a picture of when he met Santa last year and enjoyed meeting him again at the Christmas Fair. He also brought in pictures of animals with silly faces on.*

*Harry brought in his Family Box this week. He has a brother. His favourite football team is Nottingham Forest and he showed the class his top. Outside of school he plays cricket for Trent Rockets. They currently live with their Grandma and Grandad at The Royal Oak pub but will move into their new home once they have completed the renovations. Harry enjoys collecting football cards and has a huge football card collection. He spent Christmas with his family and loved the roast dinner! They have been on lots of holidays and especially enjoyed London, the Lake District and Dubai. Harry showed us his lego robot that he brought for Christmas. Thank you for sharing with us Harry.*

## **Top Tip**

Please take a look at how we pronounce our sounds on the Little Wandle website. If you can, turn practising phonics in to a game. For example, hiding the sounds around the house and going on a phonics hunt around the house. There are videos on YouTube called 'Geraldine Giraffe' which the children find most amusing but could act as the starter to your game!

Thank you for reading,

Mrs Lewis and Miss Evans