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MILLFIELD
PRE-PREP SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM MR JORY

Happy New Year and a warm welcome back to you all and a special welcome to those joining our Pre-Prep for the first time. The children have really enjoyed sharing their holiday news with us, telling us all about: where they went, who they saw, what presents they received and the presents they gave.

Mr Thornburn has been welcomed into Pre-Prep and the children thoroughly enjoyed meeting his dogs Humphrey and Parsnip, which inspired the children to write, draw and make welcome cards. We look forward to Mr Thornburn, Humphrey and Parsnip joining us regularly to allow us to share our learning with them.

In assembly this week we have been talking about how we could make our school an even better place to learn and play. Each class now has a suggestion box, where they can write down their ideas. Please discuss this at home and we look forward to sharing their ideas over the next few weeks. We are also learning a new whole school song 'Give it all you've got' and it is lovely to hear the children singing this around school. We hope to be able to share it with you later this term.

There has been so much learning already over the last week, with gingerbread baking, apple donut making and Flamenco dancing in Pre-School. Reception have enjoyed funky fingers, circle art, Gruffalo writing and Yoga. Year 1 and Year 2 have been learning all about materials, searching for sculptures in our school grounds and making some amazing creations out of their recycling. We are all really excited about what we will learn this term. What challenges will we overcome? What questions will we answer? What mistakes will we learn from? What new opportunities will we experience? I look forward to seeing what the children achieve this term as they discover their own brilliance.

Mr Jory
Head of Millfield Pre-Prep

BACK TO SCHOOL SMILES!



KEY DATES

**Wednesday 19
January**

Little Bulb Theatre
Production

Friday 21 January

EXEAT weekend
No Clubs, Creche or
Late Club

A SPECIAL VISIT...

The Reception class were very lucky last week to have some very special visitors. First, it was Mr Thornburn who came to have a play and explore our classroom environment. The children had great fun showing him around and encouraging him to join in with their play. Then as an extra special treat, Mr Thornburn brought over Parsnip and Humphrey. Both dogs were very well behaved and gave us lots of lovely snuggles. The children were so pleased that they came to visit, they wrote Mr Thornburn a thank you card and sent it across to his office. We can't wait for them to come back and maybe next time, we will read to them...



APPLE DOUGHNUTS AND DANCING

We have had a busy start to our new term in the Tadpole room, not only did we make apple doughnuts for snack time, played with the fire engines, chased bubbles, washed the dollies, and worked very hard on some new puzzles, we have also learnt lots about Spain and Flamenco dancing! Pre-School would like to welcome our new friends **Ada, Freddy, Harold, Sebastian, Toby and Alexander.**



FROGS

GINGERBREAD HOUSES

The Frogs have come back from their Christmas holidays raring to go! They chose a story about 10 tiny gingerbread men. At the end of the story there is a beautiful pop-up gingerbread house; this inspired the children. They decided they'd like to make a gingerbread house biscuit. The children thought about how they would like their house to look and designed a picture. They then made the dough and once baked, set about decorating their biscuit, referring to their design and adding a little gingerbread man. The gingerbread house biscuits looked amazing and the children were very focused creating their biscuits. Well done Frogs!





YEAR 1

WHAT IS IT MADE OF?

Year 1 have had a busy and exciting start to the term. The children did a fabulous job of bringing in old packaging left over from Christmas to kick start the topic 'What is it made of?' We began the topic by going for a walk around the school looking for sculptures. We found plenty! We talked about what the sculptures were made of and some of their properties. The children were then set the challenge of sorting a bag full of 'junk modelling' materials and then creating their own sculptures in small groups. It was lovely to see all of their imaginative ideas!





MINIS NEWS



HIGHLIGHTS SO FAR...

With the Minis making their return in the near future, we thought it would be a great time to look back at all of the exciting activities that happened in the autumn term!

