

# Year 1 Newsletter 20.03.26

We have had such a busy fortnight and the children have shown so much enthusiasm for all areas of the curriculum! It has been lovely to take some of our learning outdoors and to feel a little warmth in the sunshine! We have been learning some spring songs ready for our spring assembly and we are sure that you will love them as much as we do.



## Farmer Gus

Every half term we have a video call from Farmer Gus on his farm in Northumberland. This week we enjoyed learning about the sheep and how they are transported to the fields now that the weather is warmer as they are almost ready to begin lambing. We made our best 'whoop whoop' noises to encourage them onto the trailer and we were interested to see how the trailer is like a double decker bus with different compartments. We also learned about the JCB used on the farm and what some of the different controls are for. Gus showed us how he uses it to collect silage to feed some of the animals. The children always have lots of interesting questions and are becoming really good at listening to each other so that we do not ask the same question twice.

## Curriculum

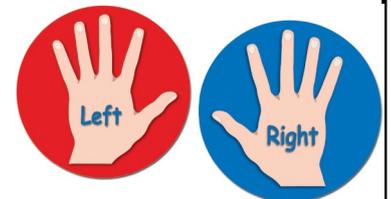


Last week in English we applied everything we have learned to plan and write our own information text about a camel or a meerkat - the children chose which one. We were so impressed with the writing the children produced and we are sure they will have enjoyed telling you some of the weird and wonderful facts that they included in their work! This week we have been learning about poetry. We explored the school grounds to find out what is living there and used these ideas in a 'school grounds' poem.



We also learned to recite and perform a poem in small groups and hope to share these with you during our upcoming spring assembly.

In maths this week, we practised using our right and left, clockwise and anti-clockwise turns. We made wristbands to help us with our left and right and enjoyed completing an obstacle course on the MUGA and a maze to apply our skills. We also played Simon Says. Can your child tell you their left from their right?



In computing, we practised logging on to the Purple Mash App independently. We are getting much better at this! Last week we used the 'slice' option to create some really beautiful symmetrical patterns and this week we focused on the style of impressionism. We explored how to add more or less water to create a lighter or darker colour and blending different shades of colour to create a beautiful landscape. The children are becoming much more confident with using the art package.

## Milk

Many children are on our milk list and have a carton of milk alongside their fruit snack in the morning. However, a small number of children who receive milk are telling us they do not like it and do not want to drink it. While we always encourage them to have some of their milk, we would appreciate if you could talk to your child about this as we are conscious that parents are paying for milk and you may decide you want to stop paying for this service.



## Coats and Jumpers



As the weather gets warmer, the children often choose to take off their coat or jumper when playing outside. However, they do not always remember to bring it back in with them! Coats and jumpers are picked up at the end of the session by staff but often they do not have names in them which makes it very difficult to return them to the correct child. Please can we ask you to check that all coats and jumpers have your child's name clearly displayed, the name may have become washed off or faded. Similarly, if you have a coat or jumper that used to belong to an older child, please ensure it has your child's name in it to it can be returned quickly and easily. Thank you for your support.



## Staffing

We would like to give a warm welcome to Mrs Grey who has joined our Year 1 team. She will be working with us every morning to help support the children. While Mrs Hetherington still remains part of our Year 1 team, she will now be supporting in Year 2 in the mornings and return to us in the afternoon.

## Dates for your Diary

Year 1 Spring Assembly—Tuesday 2nd April 9:15am (max 2 adults per family).

Last day of term—Thursday 2nd April

First day of summer term—Monday 20th April



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