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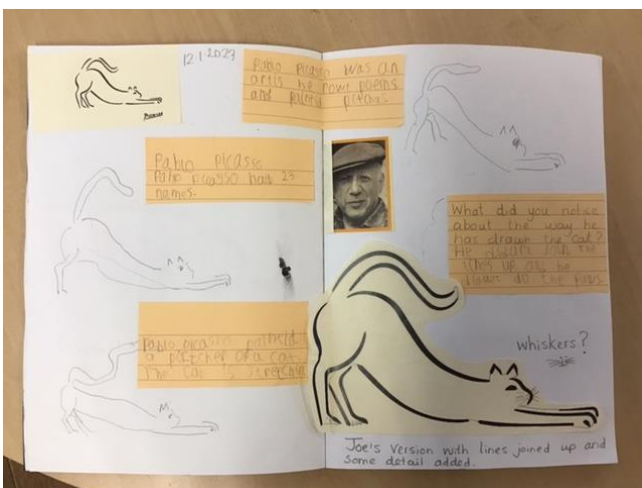
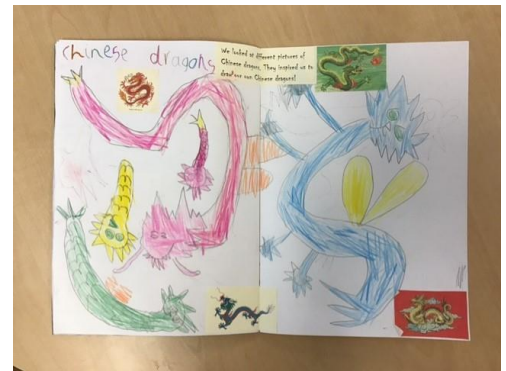
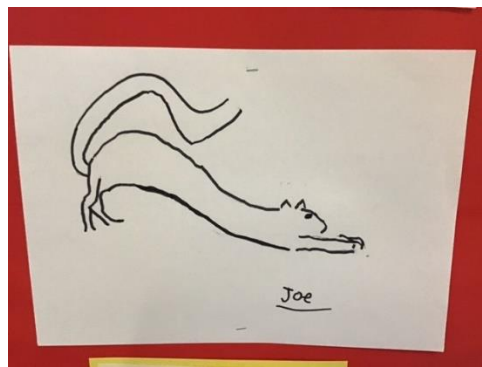
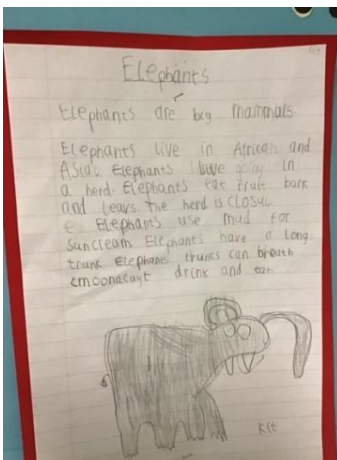
Newsletter

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Class 1

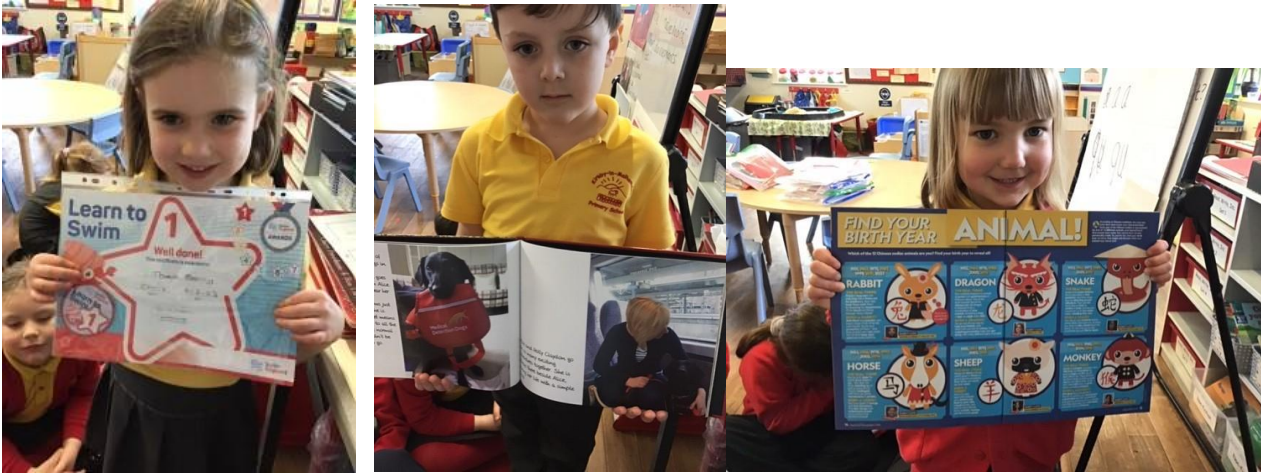
Dear Parents,

We've had a very productive last half term with everyone working super hard! We are really enjoying learning about different animals and have enjoyed some great stories about cats and elephants. We have also explored animal similarities and differences as well as animal classification. We celebrated Chinese New Year making our very own lanterns and creating our own dancing dragons. This week we had a visit from two Police Officers. They talked to us about keeping safe online and 'stranger danger'. Before they left they showed us the police car and the equipment in it, including listening to the very loud siren!



SHOW & TELL

Show and Tell is a very popular feature in Class 1 with the children bringing in lots of lovely things to share with their friends. After half term we will be doing Show & Tell on **Friday afternoons**. Children are invited to bring in special objects. Here are some lovely examples of some recent 'Show & Tell' items.



KEY PERSON – If you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's education and wellbeing please do not hesitate to contact **Mrs Middleton, your child's key person**. This can be via email, jmiddleton@kim.n-yorks.sch.uk or by phoning the school office. Responses to emails or telephone calls will be done as soon as possible.

TAPESTRY & SEESAW

TAPESTRY - Children in Early Years (Nursery and Reception) now have a Tapestry account only. Please engage with your child's online learning journal by commenting on teacher posts and post photos and messages for your child to share. If you have not activated your child's Tapestry account, please do so ASAP. You will have received an email from Tapestry with a link to do this. Please check your junk!

SEESAW - Year 1 children continue to have a Seesaw account. As with Tapestry, we really encourage parents to share pictures on Seesaw as well as homework.

READING - Reading at homes makes a positive impact on a child's reading progress. All children have a book to share with an adult (red sticker book) plus, as appropriate, books for them to read that are matched to their individual reading level (based on regular phonic assessments). Children in Reception and Year 1 also have phonics books or packets with phonemes (the sounds letters make) and words to work on. A 'little and often' approach is

often the best. Huge thanks to parents for supporting your child's progress and love of reading!

YEAR 1 SPELLING/HOMEWORK - Weekly spelling lists and homework is posted on Seesaw. Please support your child to work on the spellings and complete homework. Please post homework on Seesaw by the following Friday. A 'spelling check' will take place on Fridays. Little and often works a treat. Thank you to all those who are working hard at home to help the Year 1 children with this aspect of their schooling.

PE- PE lessons for Class 1 take place on Tuesdays (Early Years & Year 1) and Wednesdays (Year 1 only). Please ensure your child has a school uniform PE kit (red shorts/white T-shirt/white socks and trainers or pumps) in school that is clearly labelled with your child's name. PE kits will be sent home as and when they need a freshen up!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - After school club is available every afternoon. Please book via the school office. Thank you!

DROP OFF AND COLLECTION FROM SCHOOL - To ensure our children are safely coming into school we ask that you wait in your car and a member of staff will signal to you when you can pull up to the gate and drop off your child/children. The carpark is busy and children being close to the gate together with staff escorting them into school ensures drop off is done as safely as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and sometimes patience in ensuring the safety of all our children during this busy period of the school day.

ILLNESS - There are still lots of bugs circulating! *Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell.* With the aim of keeping everyone well, we continue to promote children's development of good personal hygiene in line with our school policies and procedures.

NOTE - *we remain a nut aware school so only fruit or vegetable snacks are to be brought into school. Thank you! Milk at playtime is still on offer to those who would like it, payable on ParentPay.*

We hope you have an enjoyable half term break and we look forward to another productive half term in the run up to Easter.

Many thanks, Julie, Rebecca, Sally-Anne and Julie



