



Dear Parent and Carer,

The end of term seems to have arrived suddenly, but with all the hard work and fun that has taken place this term all children and adults are ready for a rest.

This week has been a celebration across the school with space dressing up in Year 2 and a Teddy Bear's picnic in Reception and culmination of immersion in The Three Little Pigs story by Year 1. We also need to celebrate the outcomes of some monitoring of teaching and learning of writing. A Local Authority advisor, Mrs Gibson, myself and one of our governors were privileged to see the hard work of both teachers and children paying off in some wonderful lessons. Children are benefitting from the use of quality text models as a writing stimulus to produce their own descriptions, innovative stories or poems.

This term's school focus on dreams and goals has been a vehicle for us to talk with the children about rising to challenges that are individual dreams, class goals and school goals. One of these is to encourage children to take pride in their presentation at all times so that it reflects their efforts. We plan to continue this focus throughout next term and beyond and will add this to our weekly celebrations.

We have also been talking to the children about our goal to ensure everybody has a safe and happy playtime. There has been a rise in games involving play fighting and rough play. As well as increasing senior teacher presence in the playgrounds, we have been teaching children new and appropriate games and reinforcing expectations. We need you to support this by ensuring that you encourage safe play, particularly in school grounds, so that we share a consistent message. We have noticed that content in some television programmes and online games seem to be influencing play. There

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has been much research linking aggressive play following viewing of cartoons and other programmes where there are violent themes. As in the Safer Internet advice attached, it is wise to monitor what children are viewing. Children imitate what they see and may be unable to distinguish between themes acted out in cartoons and real life.

Next term promises to be another exciting term with highlights such as the Year 2 visit to We the Curious in Week 1 (27th February), Open Morning (28th February 9.15am) and Parents' Evenings (3rd and 5th March) in Week 2, followed by World Book Day on 5th March and the much anticipated Year 1 Play later in the term.

I would like to end the term by thanking you for your continued support and contributions. We are really enjoying the vocabulary leaves that children bring in for our tree. A particular favourite of mine is **dollop** a word that I am now finding many uses for! As you discover new words, keep them coming, as we intend to extend vocabulary displays into the classrooms.

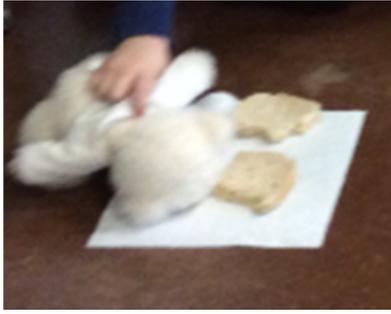
Have a great holiday. I look forward to seeing you back on Monday 24th February.

Best wishes

Gemma Fricker

YEAR GROUP NEWS

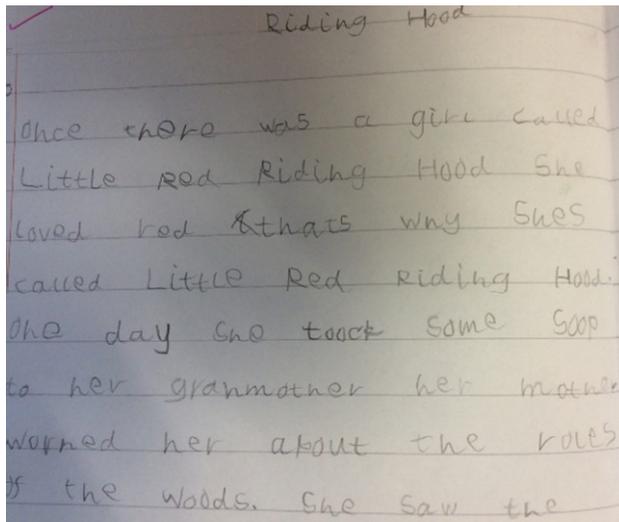
Reception: have spent the week surrounded by furry friends of all shapes, sizes and colours. They have worked hard in writing descriptive sentences about their bears and are excited about the Teddy Bear's Picnic.



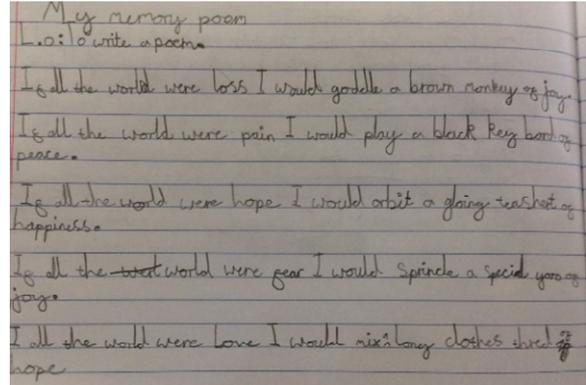
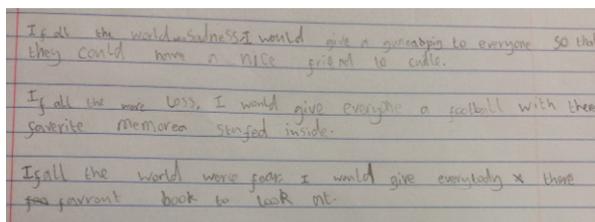
Teddies enjoying their picnic!

Year 1: have been Creative Unicorns, innovating alternative endings for the Little Red Riding Hood tale, choosing a hero and rescue plan to end the story in individual ways. They got to test out their 'wolf-proof' house designs in a very scientific huffing and puffing session. We've learnt that card is not that tough!

Year 1 cautionary tale begins... Sam C4



Year 2: have shown their creative and empathetic nature when composing poems about feelings. They have also shown their creative and extrovert sides in their space dress-up day. They enjoyed hearing about the life of astronauts in space and have tested their amazing home-produced rockets.



Memory poems Martha C8 and Josh C9

NOTICES

Speech and Language Drop in Clinic

There will be a speech and language drop in clinic on Monday 2nd of March between 9.00am and 10.30. This is an open clinic to which parents with any concerns about their child's speech and language are invited. If you wish to attend, please visit the school office to book a slot. If you need to speak to a Speech & Language Therapist about any specific concerns or general queries, the SLT Advice line is available on Wednesdays 9-12 on 07825 016335.

Coronavirus public information

The NHS is well prepared to deal with the virus.

You can help too by carrying tissues with you and using them to catch sneezes, binning the tissue and killing germs by washing your hands with soap and water. If you have arrived back from China please follow the advice for returning travellers. You can find out more at gov.uk/coronavirus.

Snow closures

In the event of severe weather and snow, please refer to the Bristol City Council website which publishes information regarding school closures. Please do not telephone the school.

Parents' Evening – 3rd and 5th March 2020

Don't forget to make an appointment with your child's teacher to discuss their progress so far this year. Appointments can be made using the Parents Evening Booking System - visit henleazeinfant.parenteveningsystem.co.uk

Mrs Claire Adams (SENCO) and Mrs Fricker will be present on Tuesday 3rd March and have set aside 6 10-minute slots each to see parents. Appointments can be made from **midday on Wednesday 26th February and the system will remain open until 6.00pm on Monday 2nd March**, the day before the first Parents' Evening.

For those parents of children with a pupil passport or EHCP, please see your child's class teacher to book an alternative slot as this may take longer than the allotted 10 minutes.

In advance of Parents' Evening, you can view your child's work at the Open Morning on 28th February at 9.15am.

Chartwells (School meals provider) to attend Parents' Evening 5th March 2020

Tara Pentland, Food Ambassador for Chartwells will be attending Parents' Evening on 5th March to answer any questions you may have about school meals and offer samples of some of the menu options currently on the menu.

Safeguarding declarations for parent volunteers/Reading Rangers

If you are a regular volunteer in school you will be asked to sign a safeguarding declaration when you are next in school. In order to do so, you are required to have read and understood the following documents:

- **Keeping Children Safe in Education (September 2019)**
- **Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy (October 2019)**
- **Staff Code of Conduct**
- **Acceptable Use of IT agreement**

These are at the bottom of the Policies page of the school website. We appreciate your assistance with this.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

26 th Feb	Parents' Evening booking System goes live at midday
28 th Feb	Open morning 9.15am Celebration assembly 10.10am
2 nd Mar	Speech and Language Clinic 9-10.30am in the meeting room.
3 rd & 5 th Mar	Parents' Evening
5 th Mar	World Book Day
Fri 6 th Mar	FHIS Quiz and Curry night
Sat 28 th Mar	FHIS Easter Egg Hunt
Wed 1 st Apr	Year 1 Play 9.15am
Fri 3 rd Apr	Henleaze Junior Inset Day
Fri 24 th Apr	Class photos
Fri 8 th May	Bank Holiday 75th anniversary of VE Day
Sat 16 th May	May Fair
Mon 22 nd Jun	Yr 2 Shuffle Up Day to HJS
Wed 24 th Jun	Sports Day
Tue 30 th Jun	Open Evening
Thu 16 th Jul	Yr 2 Leavers' Assembly 9.15am Please see the online calendar here: http://www.henleaze-inf.bristol.sch.uk/?page_id=55

Online Safety Top tips!

There is lots of useful information about online safety to be found on this website. It is well worth a read.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

Here are some top tips for you to think about though, specifically relating to younger children.

- It is recommended that young children use devices within sight and hearing (so without headphones) of an adult.
- Be mindful how older friends, siblings or relatives use the internet and devices around your child.
- Check age ratings of apps and games (PEGI ratings)
- Set up parental controls, filters and passwords, to reduce the risk of them seeing unsuitable material or purchasing downloads. More advice on this can be found here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>
- **Go on the internet with you child and join in playing their games!** This is an ideal way to start conversations about safe internet usage. It also makes it normal to use the devices with them, increasing the chance that they will talk more openly about their internet usage as they get older.
- Encourage them to use devices in a balanced way (use a mixture of games, research, learning etc) rather than becoming engrossed in one specific online activity.
- Draw up family rules around internet and device usage, including:
 - How much time will they spend on it? It is recommended that children have a maximum of 2 hours screen time a day (and 1 hour for 2-5 year olds)
 - What do they do if they come across something that worries them online? Most important

message is to ask an adult for help.

- Come up with a list of suitable games and activities that they can access. Setting up shortcuts to these would decrease the risk of finding unsuitable material.
 - Keep personal information private online, including names, passwords, age, school and address.
 - Always be kind online... just like in real life!
 - Talk about what to do if someone (a stranger) wants to talk to them online. Always come and ask a trusted adult for help.
 - When is it appropriate to use a device? As a family are their times that should be screen free times (e.g. mealtimes)? This is one we as adults can all reflect on and try to be a good role model!
- In school we will be revisiting our E-safety rules with the children during this week, these are a good starting point for you to bring up rules at home!

We don't want children to think the internet is all bad! Point out the good things about it... communicate with others, research interests, games, stories and so much more!

COMMUNITY MESSAGES

February 1/2 Term Tennis Holiday Camps @ Kings Lawn Tennis Club - Elly Shearman Tennis Coaching. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9AM - 1PM £15 per morning with 10% sibling discount! For ALL abilities, ages 4 - 15

It's a fun environment to learn tennis and for those that play already to develop technique and match play in a social and relaxed atmosphere! Please take a look online here - <https://ellyshearmentennis.co.uk/>. To book please click here - <https://bit.ly/2OgI5VH>

Ali's Get Dancing After School Dance Club. Ali's Get Dancing Club is looking for children of all primary ages to join this term! Tuesdays after school until 4.30pm. Working towards the annual 'Stages' show held in March. No experience in dance necessary only enthusiasm. All ranges of music and dance styles explored. For further info contact Ali on aligetdancing@gmail.com or phone 07795215319 to book your child a place.

French Club - If your child would like to try French Club this term, please contact Anna-Kate on admin@clubs4kids.com or 07375306881.

The Hideaway Forest School Club

Did you know that The Hideaway forest school club deliver forest school to each child in their reception year at school and we also have two childcare offerings for you.

Option 1 is Forest school Club held on HIS school grounds every Thursday 3.30 - 5pm. Bookings for each session can be found here <https://www.hideawayforest.com/henleaze-after-school-forest-club>

Option 2 is Forest school club held at our own site off Eastfield terrace. We collect your child from school at 3.30pm and walk them to our site where you can collect at 5.45pm. Our sessions involve a circle time, a healthy snack often cooked on the fire and free exploration of natural activities e.g. mud painting, digging, music making, role play, den building, pond dipping, climbing, swinging, bug hunting and much more..... We are fortunate to spend most of each session outdoors in the fresh air but have the luxury of onsite toilet facilities, kitchen, shelter and lights. We have access to inside space to enjoy games, sports, craft and cold day activities. Bookings can be found here <https://www.hideawayforest.com/hideawayafterschoolclub>. We offer adhoc childcare days if you are in need of occasional childcare.

Children's Hospice South West Rainbow Run

Children's Hospice South West are holding their last ever Rainbow Run on Saturday 6th June at the North Somerset Showground. This colourful 5K promises to be a festival finale to remember. This fun family event helps the hospice raise

funds and provide vital support for children with life limiting conditions and their families at Charlton Farm in Bristol. Don't miss the earlybird prices. Sign up today at:

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Thank you for your support and for helping us to make a real difference to short and precious lives.

Remember – please park considerately if you are driving to school. Please do not use the staff car park.