



Hercules Class Newsletter End of Term 1 and looking forward to Term 2

Dear parents and carers

What a lovely start to your child's Primary school journey. The children have really taken well to the structure of their new school days and the expectations of them in and out of the classroom.



The children's phonics has been progressing nicely. They are so good at sitting in their carpet places and being 'Ready to learn' – 'Ready, Respectful, Safe' being our school rules. Reception has also really enjoyed being mathematicians and making good use of the maths table when exploring the learning during child-led activity time.

The children have also been enjoying the different areas around the classroom and outside. In particular, it has been lovely to see them using the role-play area, the huge sand pit, the mud kitchen and the construction resources. These opportunities for learning through play are an essential part of the children's social and academic development.



We have been lucky enough to have had visits from Katherine Bloomer from St Peter's Church. She has shared various bible stories with the children and had interesting discussions and activities following the readings. 'Opening the Box' sessions have really engaged the children and we look forward to having Mrs Bloomer back in class in the future.

The children also had a fabulous time at Chepstow Castle. Despite the poor weather, great fun was had by all as they explored the castle building, did some archery, and tried their hand at jousting - of sorts.



Next term, something we will be looking at more closely is key events and festivals. We will study Guy Fawkes Night, Divali and, of course, the Christmas story. More information over Term 2 will be sent out regarding timings and costumes.

Have a lovely half term break

The Hercules Team