



Hercules Class Newsletter End of Term 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

We started the term looking for the early signs of spring in the local community. Later in the term, we revisited the areas we had previously explored to look for some new signs of spring. We saw daffodils, snowdrops, buttercups and tree blossom. We noticed the buds on the trees which were developing into leaves and heard the birds singing in the sunshine.

We have been learning about maps and how to read them. At the beginning of term we used our pirate maps to successfully find buried treasure in our outdoor sandpit. Nearer the end of term we ventured out into the village, to use our street maps of the village to find various landmarks.

We enjoyed pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. We made bread in relation to this term's feature story 'The Little Red Hen'. When I asked the children, 'Who will help me eat the bread?' 'We will,' they all replied, and they did! They also produced some amazing writing in relation to this story.

In maths they have been securing number facts to 8. They know that 8 is made of 4 and 4, 4 and 4 make 8! They have been exploring patterns and learning how to measure long, short and tall.

The children really enjoyed science week. In class we explored magnets, identifying magnetic items. We had a competition to see whose paper aeroplane would fly the furthest! We also explored what plants need to grow. Using the children's predictions we created an experiment, planting sweet peas to see if they will grow!

They have been having fun in our new construction area and been finding creative ways to use a tractor tyre which we cleared from the old construction area.

Next term we will be finding out about people who help us. So please if you are in a role/profession that helps people and you would be willing to come into school and talk to the children, we would be very keen to get you involved.

We are also developing a sensory garden in the early years outdoor area and would welcome donations of herbs and plants that will heighten the children's senses. If you have any small garden ornaments, bamboo canes or wind chimes that you no longer need we would gratefully receive those too!

I will end by saying your children have once again amazed us with their love of learning and the beautiful friendships they have created. We are very proud of them.

Enjoy the Easter Holidays and see you again in Term 5.

Mrs Hanna, Miss Tomlinson, Mrs Stables, Miss Ford and Miss Degville

