



Hercules Class Newsletter End of Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an incredible start we have had to this very busy first term back at school.

The reception children have settled in beautifully, making new friendships very quickly. They have adapted to their new routines and expectations incredibly well and are a credit to all of you.

We started the term with the traditional tale of the 'Three Billy Goats Gruff'. We then moved onto our topic theme which was space. We have learnt the story 'The Way Back Home' using story-telling actions and by re-enacting the story. Year 1 children have been incorporating the story into their writing. They learnt about Yuri Gagarin – the first man in space. The children have had a spaceship role play area as well as a space themed tuff spot to create, explore and use their imaginations with their friends.

The children are making great progress with their phonics with year 1 exploring alternate sounds/spellings and reception mastering blending sounds to make words. The reception children will be bringing their first reading books home to read with you during the half term and they are very excited about this.

For PE the children have been using various pieces of equipment to demonstrate their skills of balance and strength. They have enjoyed taking part in yoga lessons and had a gymnastics lesson with their buddies.

They all super impressed me on 'Make a Difference Day' and really got stuck into the jobs they were given – great team players. A big thank you to all the parents who came in to make a difference, especially those dads who helped us to improve our EYFS outdoor area.

Next term we will be going on our first school trip to 'We the Curious' in Bristol which will be really exciting and we will be looking for volunteers to help with the class. Our new class topic will be 'Superheroes' which I am sure the children will enjoy.

Year 1 will start to bring home spellings to practise from Term 2. Reception children will be bringing Fitzzy Bear home to meet their families. The children will be able to fill one page of Fitzzy's journal with photos, drawings, pictures or writing (told by children, scribed by parents if needed) to show what adventures they got up to with him on his visit to their home. All of the Hercules children will be putting on a Nativity Show for parents towards the end of Term 2 – rehearsals here we come!

Enjoy the half term and we look forward to seeing you all again after the break.

Mrs Hanna, Mrs Stables, Miss Ford and Miss Degville

