



Hercules Class Newsletter End of Term 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

Can you believe we are now halfway through the school year?!

The topic for this term has been travel and transport, and each week the children have fully embraced this topic. We have explored transport from the past to present day, ventured around the world on land, by sea and through the air. We have learnt about some famous people from the past such as Amelia Earhart and George Stephenson. We even got to explore a lorry kindly brought in by the Whittaker family, so a big thank you to them.

The reception children are really understanding and using their phonics knowledge now to help them read and write, and all of the children are forming their letter shapes beautifully. They have secured their number knowledge to 7. Next term we will continue to build on these skills so by the end of the year they are secure with their number knowledge to 10.

Our story books for literacy this term have been 'You can't take an elephant on the bus' and 'Stuck'. All of the children have been involved in acting out the story and 'hot-seating' which has been great fun. From this, year 1 have extended their punctuation knowledge adding ! and ? to their writing. They have added characters and events to the stories, written lists and created a leaflet using 'bossy words'.

Year 1 have been building on their previous number knowledge. They have demonstrated a really good understanding of how to add and subtract one digit numbers from 2-digit numbers up to 20. Next term we push forward and work with numbers up to 40.

Next term our topic is the jungle and in our first week back we become adventurers and are off to visit the wild animals at Cotswold Wildlife Park. If your child has hot dinners please make sure you order a packed-lunch for that day (26th February). Thank you to all of you that volunteered to help out, but alas we cannot take you all.

Thank you once again to the parents who are coming in and reading with the children. Keep reading over the half term and have a lovely break with your children.

Mrs Hanna, Mrs Stables, Miss Ford and Miss Degville

