



Little Miller's News



The Newsletter of **Fulwell Infant School Academy**

Mrs Angus's message...

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Dear parents,

Happy New Year and best wishes to all our families. The children happily returned to school, refreshed and full of all their exciting Christmas news. They settled quickly into expected routines and began their hard work which is always so important in term 2.

There have been some changes to Reception and Year 1 phonics lessons. Children have changed groups and moved on with their learning. Their on-line books will continue to be read at home after the children have used them in lessons during the week. Shared readers will continue to be sent home each Friday.

Year 1 children are studying Victorian England in History and thoroughly enjoyed their Beamish visitor this week. They learnt about life in Victorian times and how hard it was. They know what a poss stick is and enjoyed guessing what a poss tub might have been used for.

Year 2 children were visited by Brother Khadim who shared information about the Muslim religion. He complimented the children's knowledge and the questions they asked him. Both year groups enjoyed a visit from Sunderland University Eco (science) bods who danced and performed sharing lots of information about our senses and how important they are. Year 2 will visit Durham Cathedral in the coming weeks offering lots of opportunities to compare two different religions.

We are trialling a learning platform called Bedrock, which extends readers vocabulary and use of it in writing. Whilst this program is aimed at Key Stage 2 we have a number of Year 2 children accessing it and a very small number of Year 1 children. This runs alongside Lexia at the moment, with different children accessing both. We may be sending home log on information for these programs in the coming weeks for home access.

We welcomed Dr Renwick on Thursday afternoons to teach Year 2 music and I enjoyed a recorder group yesterday lunch time that Mrs Witten was previously teaching.

Thank you to all parents who attended the on-line safety meeting on Wednesday evening in school. Internet safety is a worry for us all and particularly when trying to protect small children from accessing inappropriate material by the click of a button on a mobile phone or ipad. Security settings are so important. I will email parents with information from Mark Lloyd as soon as we receive it.

Lots of exciting things will be happening this term, with Nursery's penguin waddle next week. Parents are reminded **NOT** to take term time holidays as attendance continues to fall as a result. **Currently attendance is 96.1% and we must keep it above 96%. Thanking you for your support with this.**

Best wishes

Wendy Angus





History

Year 1 children were visited by Beamish who shared lots of information about what it was like to be a child in Victorian times. They learnt about a poss tub, a poss stick and a board for scrubbing really dirty items. They were fascinated throughout but particularly when they discovered that Mondays were washing day and girls didn't go to school as they must help Mums.

Science



Science Bods

Science Bods from Sunderland University, were in school on Tuesday afternoon. They led workshops with Year 1 and Year 2 children about senses and the human body. An initial dance performance was very well received by the children who engaged throughout the afternoon.