

# Year 1 News

## Letter

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

In mathematics this week, we have been looking at 2D and 3D shapes. We began by naming and describing 2D shapes, and then we used the shapes to make repeating patterns. We also each created a picture using 2D shapes and named all the shapes in our pictures. We sang some fun songs to help us remember 2D and 3D shapes. We have also been sorting 3D shapes into categories and finding and naming 3D objects that we see every day.

In English, we have continued our focus on looking at our sense of sight. We read a story from Indonesia called 'The Six Blind Men and the Elephant.' Once we had read the story, we acted it out in small groups. The children then rewrote the story in their own words, carefully focusing on how to improve their writing by keeping their handwriting neat, using their phonics to sound out tricky words and to remember full stops, finger spaces and capital letters. This was the longest piece of writing they've had to do yet and they managed brilliantly!

We have also been having handwriting lessons – reminding ourselves of how to use lead-ins and lead-outs for all our letters. So far, we have looked at writing a, b and c.

For our science topic, we have been looking in more depth at parts of the human body. We discussed and wrote about what the functions of various parts of our body are. Next week we will be looking more at our senses.

In phonics this week, we focused on the 'er' (bigger, stronger, faster) sound. We discovered lots and lots of words with this sound in, noticing that this 'er' sound comes usually at the end of each word. We practised writing lots of words with this sound in.

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For P.E we have been practising our throwing and catching skills, as well as balancing and jumping off the apparatus in the hall in various ways. We also have been doing some classroom yoga to help build up our core strength.

We hope you have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards,

Miss Hutchings and Mrs Lovell