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## Notes From the Headteacher:

Happy New Decade Everyone. Our children celebrated Happy New Year around the world on the first day back this year. They enjoyed being off timetable and in mixed year groups they carouselled around each class where they learnt how different countries celebrate the new year.

We also enjoyed our first whole school bedtime story cafe. Thank you for supporting this event. The turn-out was great for a cold, dark evening. Children enjoyed the stories and the hot chocolate was considered quality!

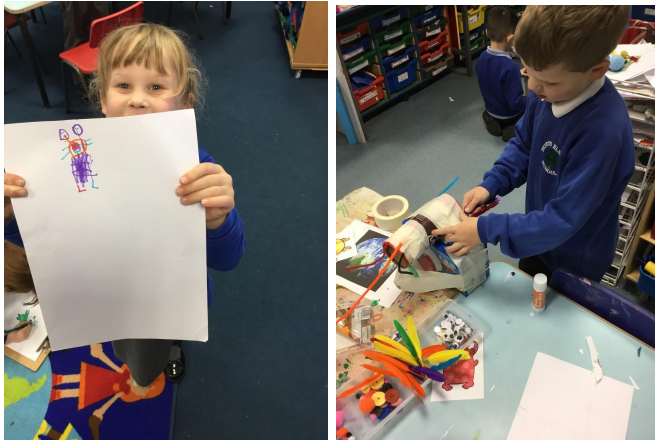
Staffing update: We welcome Mrs Brown our new Office Manager for the Federation. We finished last term with a brilliant science day where the children set off a rocket, they said it was their best day ever. The children also enjoyed the pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk. The Fones are funding the cost for a new upcoming science day and are contributing to class trips. Teachers have forwarded their wish list for them to consider. Enrichment clubs are still on Monday mornings first thing, has your child told you their choice? It seems a distant memory now but we hope you enjoyed the Christmas productions and carols around the tree. Hopefully we will see you at the next event!



*'Believe Achieve Belong'*



Thank you. Ms P Jones



Sheep News: We have had a busy start to the new term! We have enjoyed reading the story 'Man on the moon' and exploring what an astronaut is. We set up our own Sheep Class shop just like Bob's shop on the moon. We enjoyed making aliens out of anything we wanted to and thinking of adjectives to describe them. We have been learning about the names of the planets and that the sun is a star and the moon isn't really made out of cheese! In science we have been learning about the four seasons and different types of weather. We are currently recording the weather, temperature and rainfall each day.

#### Whales News:

Wow! What a busy start we have had to 2020! We welcomed our new classmates and enjoyed some ice breaker activities to get to know each other. We have all settled well; understanding the routines and expectations within our classroom.

We have already learnt that inventors start with 'big questions' and have enjoyed finding out some inventions by children! Our particular favourite was Frank Epperson's ice lolly invention when he was 11 years old! In Art, we turned our classroom into a 'design museum' and looked at Da Vinci's prototypes and used these to inspire our own sketches.

We are also looking forward to our trip to the International Aviation Academy in Norwich!





#### Doves News:

We've started our year by becoming volcanologists and learning all about volcanoes! We've been reading 'Escape from Pompeii' and children have been busy preparing to write an exciting story set in the doomed town. In art, we've been studying how artists use mark-making in preliminary sketches, and we've practised our techniques by drawing volcanoes. In science, the class has been learning about igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rocks. We've been on a rock hunt around school and have tested different rocks to determine their properties.

#### Lions News:

Before the Christmas break we enjoyed several events such as T@2 at The Institute where we sang carols to people from the village and we helped serve refreshments. We enjoy making these link with our community. It was also lovely to earn a class Christmas treat so we played some fun games together.

We have made a great start on our theme this half term about WWII and are excited to get going with stories about this historic era.



Week beginning January 6th 2020 Blue house parents meeting throughout the week

Week beginning January 20th Red house parent meetings throughout the week.

Week beginning February 3rd Green house parents meeting throughout the week.

Week beginning February 24th Purple house parents meeting throughout the week.

We are looking for new volunteers to help in our school, this will include helping children with one to one reading and helping at school lunchtime - playtime. If you are interested, contact Jennifer Taylor at the school office for more information.



Diary Dates:

Jan 27th Holocaust Memorial day.

Feb 13th @ 9am Spring 1 production

Friday 14th Feb - Half term begins

