

Dear Parents,

What we have been up to ...

It was lovely to see all the children after the half term holiday and hear all about their adventures. Everyone enjoyed sharing their news about storms, snow showers and other fun activities!

We have now started our Amazing Adventures topic. During the topic, the children will be learning about the world around them starting with their local area, and then moving on the UK, Europe and the rest of the world. This week, the children have enjoyed playing I-Spy on our field and in our wildlife area. They did a super job of spotting a range of local features and correctly identifying the initial sounds of the objects that were seen.

Back in class, the children enjoyed the challenge of discovering where they live on their special maps of the United Kingdom. They worked hard to find out where they lived using a special teddy bear marker.

Over the course of the week, the children have been learning about 'British Values'. They learnt how these special values can help everybody live together happily. They listened to a story from our PSHE resource, 'One Decision'. In the story, Yellow Drop looks after Orange Drop on her first day at school. The children thought about how Yellow Drop had demonstrated British Values and how she had been kind to Orange Drop. Over the course of the week, we have also shared stories about looking after one another.

As we are now embarking on a new topic, we are in the process of transforming some of the different learning areas. We are hoping to create an aeroplane complete with flight deck full of important buttons. If you have any plastic bottle tops, please send them in to school as soon as possible and we will put them to good use.

Homework

We will soon be displaying our world map in class. In order to make links for the children about the world around them, please send a photograph of your child (or a friend or relative) visiting a different part of the world. You may wish to send the photograph in your child's bag, or as an email. Please include a little

explanation of who is in the photograph and the location. This can be as far away as Australia, or as close to home as The Lake District. We will add each photograph to our world map display as we receive them.

This week, we have been thinking about where we are in the world. For homework, I would like the children to think in a little more detail about the area where they live. I have sent home a 'Through the Window' sheet. Ask your child to look through a window at home. What can they see? Encourage your child to draw what they can see onto the sheet and add any other interesting facts about the area where they live.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Hope

