

Dear Parents and carers,

What we have enjoyed this week...

This week, we have listened to stories and poems with a magical theme. On Monday, the children listened to the poem 'The Magic Box', by Kit Wright. They discussed which parts of the poem they liked the most and then had an opportunity to create their own poem ideas using a special 'magic box' template. The magic boxes are now hanging over our 'Reading Garden', so that everyone can explore the different magical ideas!

On Thursday, we learnt all about Louis Braille, and how he invented braille. The children learnt that braille is made up of different bumps on paper which form special letters that someone can read with their fingers. They learnt that Louis Braille invented braille, because he was blind and wanted to be able to read just as quickly as the people who could see. The boys and girls found out that people still use braille today, and they 'had a go' at feeling braille on the side of different packages.

Later on, the children developed their story plans, in order to create 'touch stories'. They had to think about different resources and textures in order to make each part of their story recognisable, through the sense of touch. They tried feeling the different resources before they started to explore how each one felt and how it could be used. The children have enjoyed using their fingers to read the different touch stories around our classroom. Great work everyone!

Come and See Session

We will be holding our 'Come and See' session for our **Story Soup** topic on Thursday 9th February at 1.30pm. Parents and carers are invited to come into school to share some of the activities and experiences enjoyed by the children this term. Please sign in at the main entrance on arrival at school. The children will present some of the topics explored and there will be an opportunity to engage in a range of activities with your child. Please do not worry if you cannot attend due

to other commitments. We always ensure that all children work with an adult.

Homework

Thank you for all the fantastic family photographs that have been sent to school. The children have really enjoyed sharing these with each other and the photographs have really brought their learning to life!

Our whole school PSHE theme this term is 'Living in the Wider World'. As you will have noticed from the learning diaries, the children have been thinking about different situations through listening to stories about the **Rainbow Drops**. This weekend, I would like the children to be like 'Thinkalot' and help Jack (from Jack and the Beanstalk) sort out a problem. Jack has written the children a letter explaining why he needs their help. You will find the letter stuck in your child's learning diary. Please encourage your child to respond on the opposite page. We will discuss their ideas during our PSHE 'Reflection Time' next week.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Hope

