

## Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019

Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome back! We hope that you had a restful and enjoyable Easter break.



In Literacy this week, we enjoyed beginning our new narrative unit of work by retelling and acting out key events from the Magic Key stories. This selection of stories will enable us to explore settings for many different adventures. Next week, we will be reading 'Noah's Ark Adventure' and writing our own sentences to accompany photographs of the children in freeze frames that we took this week – we had a lot of fun doing this!

In Numeracy, we have focused on making and totalling amounts. We also recapped number bonds to 10. Next week, we will be building on this by looking at bonds to 20 (pairs of numbers that make 20). The children need to learn these number facts so that they can instantly recall them.

This week in Science, we have been grouping animals into mammals, fish, birds, amphibians and reptiles.

In RE we have welcomed baby Poppy Lily Rosie Jenna Woodhouse (her name was voted for by the children) into the world. We learnt how Christians celebrate the birth of a baby with a Christening and we performed our own version of this over the water tray in our classroom! Next week, we will compare this to how members of the Islamic faith celebrate the birth of a baby. If you would like to share any birth celebration stories or photographs with us, then please send them in with your child next week.

The Year 1 Phonics Check will take place during the week of 10<sup>th</sup> June. We are preparing for this in class however, any extra practice you can do at home with your child would be really helpful. Over the next few weeks, we will send home some word lists to practise with. Please encourage your child to point to each word and say the sounds as they blend them together to read the word. Remember, the Check includes real words and alien words!

**We hope that lots of you can make it to our Open Door session on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 2.40pm.**

### **Dates for your Diary**

**Open Door sessions** starting at 2.40pm until the end of the school day:

Thursday 9th May

Monday 24th June

### **Trips**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Shibden Hall, Halifax

Many thanks

Year One team