

Dear Parent / Carer,

What a sunny week we have had! As the weather is still unpredictable, we ask that children bring a waterproof coat with them every day. We recommend that children also bring a sun hat with their name on. If it is forecast to be a hot, sunny day, we ask that you put sun cream on your child before school. We appreciate that this is not appropriate on Tuesday when it is swimming so we are happy for children to bring in their own sun cream (with their name on) on that day and we will supervise application of this.

In Literacy this week, we have designed our own setting for our under the sea adventure story. The children made Biff, Chip, Kipper, Floppy and other character puppets then made their own puppet shows in groups. They then planned their stories, which we will write next week.

In Numeracy, we have used arrays to help us remember our two times table. It is important that your child can rapidly recall facts for the two times table both in order and in a random order e.g.  $7 \times 2 = 14$ ,  $3 \times 2 = 6$  etc. Next week, we will be revisiting halving numbers and making the connection between halving and dividing a number by two.

This week, we have started to prepare for our Buildings topic; thank you to everyone who has sent in house photographs and cereal boxes – keep them coming please! Next week, we are looking forward to an exciting lesson on The Great Fire of London!

This half term, our whole school PSHCE Value is – Be United. We have been getting to know our Woodhouse School community better. On Tuesday, Mr Wilson came to tell us a bit more about his roles in and out of school. Look out for him in his role as lollipop man before and after school on Huddersfield Road. Mr Wilson also helps us at lunchtime and during swimming lessons – what a busy man!

We have sent home another Phonics Screening sheet for you to practise with your child at home. Just to clarify, the children need to be able to blend to read the words; they do not need to be able to spell them. Please use the Phase 5 sound mat if they are struggling.

**Dates for your Diary**

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

Monday 24th June

**Trips**

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

**Pupil Closure Day – there is no school for pupils on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May due to the school being used as a Polling Station for the EU elections.**

Many thanks

Year One team