

# Rowan Class Celebration Newsletter

We celebrated Harvest in our Forest learning about our surroundings.



We held some short races on the field and used our ordinal numbers to ten.



Our fantastic Robot Costumes to launch numberbots.



We used our new outside area and tuff tray to explore the contents of the sink in our Traction Man story.



We made a crash mat for Traction Man and tested it with eggs.



We've loved using our small world area to create and tell stories writing them on the whiteboard and exploring with friends.



We made our own sinks out of lego and tried to make them hold water.



## Notices

Please remember to bring in a water bottle to school each day filled with water. We will be emptying at the end of the day to ensure reading books are kept dry.

There are a number of unnamed jumpers in our cloakroom, please let us know if you are missing a jumper so we may sort them.

As the weather chills please ensure you wear a coat to school for playtime and your PE kit is warm enough. If you have not yet brought in named wellies please do this at the beginning of term so we may use our outdoor areas.

## Learning to celebrate:

We have had a fantastic start to our Year 1 adventure and are so pleased to see the children all so settled and enjoying their learning. This term we have been focussed on toys: What materials they are made of, learning about Toys from the Past, exploring some old toys in our classroom and learning through the story of a toy superhero, Traction Man. The children have been fascinated by toys that have no batteries and enjoyed watching Old Bear and Friends at story time where old toys come to life.

In Maths we started the term by focussing on Place Value. This meant we learnt language such as greater than, less than and equal to. We now understand one more and one less and can put numbers in order from greatest to smallest and vice versa. We have ended our term by breaking whole numbers into smaller parts ready to write our number sentences for addition and subtraction next term.

## Next term:

In Literacy next term we will be learning through the story of 'Beegu'. She is a friendly little alien who will crash land into our classroom leaving clues for children to investigate on the first day of Term 2. We will continue to develop our sentence structure and punctuation.

In Maths we will spend the Term focussing on addition and subtraction. Using part whole models to deepen our understanding of how addition and subtraction link.

In Topic our focus will be Geography and our theme will be 'Alien Invasion. We will learn about the UK and the surrounding seas and the world's 7 continents and 5 oceans following the journey Beegu takes.

**Topic words to learn:** England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Europe, Asia, Africa, North/South America, Antarctica, and Australasia.

## Homework:

**Reading** - Reading books will continue to be changed weekly and children read with at school with a grown up. We will be having a big push on comprehension, as well as reading words this year, so please continue to read with your child asking questions to deepen their understanding of the book. Each time your child reads their book your child will develop more fluency of reading and confidence will grow.

**Tricky Words** - Children will be sent home with tricky words to practice weekly in Term 2. Children should practice reading, writing and using these tricky words and will be quizzed by a grown up each week in their reading.

**Number Bonds** - Using number bots children can practice their number bonds to 10 and 20. There are different games and levels they can complete. Please use this as maths practice and homework throughout the term practicing weekly.