

Class 1's Newsletter

Summer Term 2016

WELL DONE to everyone in Year 1 & 2 who took the phonics screening test – you all passed! Well done to Year 2 for working hard in their SATS. The second reading test was especially difficult - Mrs Cape is very proud of you all!

Welcome to our Summer newsletter! We have lots of news to tell you!

Queen's 90th Birthday Garden Party

We wore our party clothes and joined with the other classes to sing a selection of *songs through the decades* to family, friends and the local community who then joined us in school for afternoon tea.



The Queen and the Commonwealth

We spent time learning about Australia and created a wall display on sheep farming. As artists we drew portraits of the Queen to display outside our classroom.

Hatching Chicks

Mrs Bush very kindly brought us 7 eggs and an incubator so we could watch chicks hatching. We looked after the eggs for 21 days and then they started to hatch. Only one chick hatched and we then cared for it in the classroom until it went to its new home.



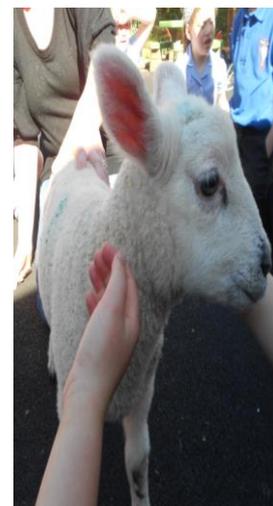
What do you call an octopus with no legs and no body? Ed!



We have gone swimming at Morton once a week in the last ½ of the summer term and all made good progress. We swam, splashed and had good fun.

School Trip to The Gincase

We spent a sunny day at The Gincase and Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Turner came with us. It's a good job Mrs Turner was there to save the day: she freed a goat which got its head stuck in the fencing and to help catch the lambs after we had bottle-fed them! As well as looking at all the animals we enjoyed the indoor and outdoor play equipment, the huge sandpit full of ride on tractors and the go-karts.

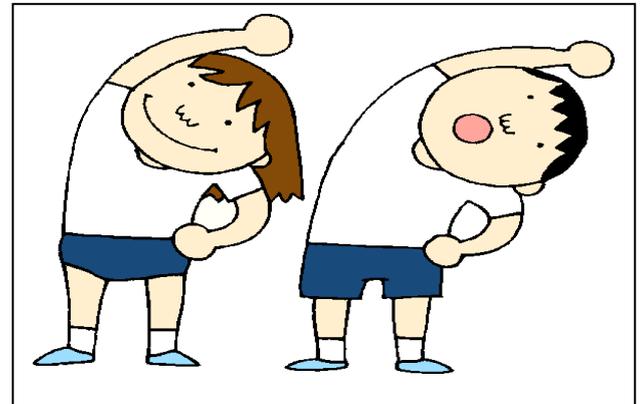




On 21st June we had moving up morning. Reception children joined Year 1 and we created books all about ourselves. Year 2 joined Year 3 with Mrs Hayton and drew portraits of each other to go on the hot air balloons on the wall of Class 2. This is where they self register each morning when they arrive at school.

Our Topic this half term has been *The Seaside*. We have learned about how lots of sea creatures catch their food and what they eat. We found out that soft-shelled shore crabs shed their exo-skeletons and learned about different types of sharks. We watched limpets fighting off hungry starfish and life in a rock pool. We have also been making Mrs Cape work very hard to answer some difficult questions about the Oceans, Seas and their inhabitants!

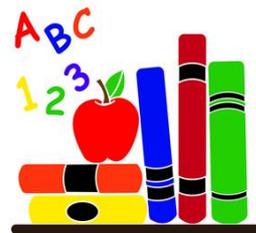
On 27th June representatives of the RNLI visited us and along with reception we learned about lifeboat volunteers and how they help people who get into trouble at sea. We also learned about Grace Darling who rowed out in stormy weather to save sailors whose boat had been wrecked.



We had good weather for our annual Sports Day. Everyone did their best taking part in races for their year group and then in their house teams. Well done to everyone in Bowfell who won the team event. Well done all the boys who took part in the skipping race – you were very brave!

A HUGE thank you to Charlotte and Cara in Year 6 who ran Young Leaders sports activities on Friday lunchtimes for us to take part in. They took their responsibilities really seriously and those Key Stage 1 children who took part every week had a brilliant time!

The end of the year has been very busy: Busy Bees duck race; non-uniform bring a bottle day; school summer fair; celebrations assembly; Class 3 end of year production and the leavers service. We are all ready for a good summer break so that we will all be refreshed and ready for the new school year.



We have collected in school reading books, but please ensure you still read over the holidays. You could enjoy a good book, follow a recipe or read signs and information leaflets if you go on a day trip.

MANY THANKS to all the parents, grandparents and family friends who have come into class to share their knowledge; listen to us read or who have donated food and prizes for the various events held in school this year. Have a GREAT summer and we look forward to seeing you all again when we come back to school on **Monday 5th September.**