



## A Note from Class One

This week in literacy we have begun to look at the features of non-fiction books. We have been using contents pages to read about interesting facts and we have also been learning about the role of an index and a glossary. In our spelling and grammar work we have been learning about plurals and adding 's' and 'es' to root words.

In maths we have continued to work on multiplication. We have been focusing on counting in 5s and 10s and we are beginning to learn our 2, 5 and 10 timestables. Please help your children at home with this by counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. The Reception children have now learnt their numbers to 10 and have a really good understanding of the number order.



In our topic work we have been talking about what we have learnt about 'The Great fire of London.' The children had remembered lots of facts. We are going to start looking at London now and the changes that have been made. If you have any photographs of London landmarks it would be nice to share them with the class.

In Science we have been testing materials. We wanted to find out what would make the best parachute. So we tested different fabrics and really enjoyed making our own parachutes.



Other news.....

Thank you to Kirstin Hruby- Horn for coming into school and planting some new cherry trees. She also potted some other trees which will be for sale at the Christmas fair.

Thank you to Mr Crouch, Ellie's Grandad for donating compost and to Sara for the pots.

## A Note from Class Two

This week in Class 2 we have focussed on our topic for this half term, 'Volatile Earth'. We investigated how the Earth is structured, from the core to the crust, and how the outer layers are broken into tectonic plates. Following on from this, we looked at how volcanoes are formed, where the magma/lava comes from, and how we categorise volcanoes into extinct, dormant and active. The children explored the pacific 'Ring of Fire', locating the active volcanoes and noting how they coincide with the edge of the tectonic plates. The children chose a volcano each by name and undertook research about its features and characteristics, collating data and information to compare with others.

## A note from Friends

### Christmas Fair

We are getting ready for the **School Christmas Fair on Sunday 3rd December, 1pm to 4pm** and we need your help! We would like donations of any of the following please:

empty screw top wine bottles, bottles of wine, mince pies or homemade cakes (nut free please), tombola and raffle prizes. Any and all donations gratefully received and can be left at the school.

### Wreath workshop

Come along and make your Christmas wreath on **Wednesday 29th November, 6.30pm to 9pm at Kettlewell Village Hall**. £10 per person to include frame, basic foliage and a pie and peas supper (vegetarian option available). Bring a bottle and decorations for your wreath.

### AVIVA voting - Forest Classroom bid

**Only just over a week to go to get your votes in**, so please register and vote now. It only takes a couple of minutes to do it and anyone with an email can vote (they don't have to live in the area!). Please encourage as many people as possible to vote for our classroom.

The link is: <https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-3147>

### Meet and Play—Thursdays at Kettlewell village hall

Meet and Play, Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November (and alternate Thursdays to Play House). All children are welcome at Kettlewell Village Hall from 3.15 to 5pm to bring games and play with friends. Children must be accompanied by an adult. £1.50 per child, includes juice, fruit and biscuits.