



6th January 2017

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

We hope you had a lovely Christmas!

This letter is just to let you know some of the things that are happening over the next few weeks. As a school, our curriculum focus for the Spring Term is Geography and the overriding theme is 'Suitcases'.

In Maple Class, we had a lot of fun yesterday changing the classroom into an aeroplane and setting off on a journey. When we landed, we collected our suitcase which contained clues about the things we will be learning about this term. To our great surprise, the suitcase had been jumbled up! It contained photos of Yardley Hastings village along with a school jumper and a book-bag. The children quickly realised that, just like us, the Reception children at Yardley were also learning about their local environment. We all thought that it would be a great idea to return the suitcase to Yardley Hastings Primary School and collect ours whilst we are there. More details about this trip will follow shortly.

Our main story for the next few weeks will be The Gingerbread Man. In Maple Class, we have started the Talk for Writing approach. One aspect of this, is that all the children in Maple Class will learn how to tell an entire story. We are currently very busy learning The Gingerbread Man story and the children have made a fantastic start! We will be sending home story maps so that your child can practise at home. We will also perform the story at one of our sharing sessions so that you can see it in action.

As already mentioned, I am happy to say that we will be starting our 'Sharing Sessions' this term. These sessions will take place every Wednesday, beginning on Wednesday 11th January from 8.55am-9.15ish am. The 'Sharing Sessions' are an opportunity for you to see what happens in the classroom. Each week, they will either have a literacy or maths focus. If you are unable to attend, grandparents and close family are welcome! Each term, we will change which morning the Sharing Sessions take place to try and accommodate as many parents as possible.

If you have any further questions please do contact us.

Many thanks,

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