

## **Message from Mrs Barnett**

Dear Families,

It has been a wonderful two weeks of learning and enrichment opportunities throughout the school. It was lovely to see so many of you at the Meet and Greet sessions. These provided a valuable opportunity for you to see how the learning environments have been arranged this year, as well as a chance to ask the teaching teams any questions about the year ahead.

We are busily organising our church calendar events and planning school trips as part of our enrichment offer. In addition, we will shortly be arranging our first Parents' Meetings, which will take place in November.

I hope you all have a safe and restful weekend, and that the weather is kind to us given the current wind warnings.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and kindness.

Kindest regards,



# Class News

#### **CLASS ONE**

Thank you to everyone who came along to our open classroom this week. It was wonderful to see so many families.

We have had a very busy few weeks in Class One, filled with wonderful learning opportunities and plenty of fun! The children have particularly enjoyed their English work on setting descriptions. Using the book Whatever Next as inspiration, they finished the week by editing their final descriptions of a planet they had designed. We focused on using adjectives to create noun phrases and expanded noun phrases, and everyone was very proud of their final pieces of writing.

In RE and PSHE, our focus has been on thinking about what we are thankful for, and exploring how the Creation Story links to our Harvest celebrations.

On Tuesday, the children had a brilliant time during our Art Day, creating some fantastic pieces inspired by the artist Joan Miró.

Reception have started their new maths unit on comparing and sorting. They loved looking out for matching objects both inside and outside the classroom, showing great teamwork and communication skills. They also practised sorting objects into two groups using different criteria, such as size, shape, and colour. In addition, Reception have enjoyed beginning their phonics lessons this week and learning some new letters and sounds. We have been very impressed with their determination and concentration during these sessions.

### **CLASS TWO**

The children have been working incredibly hard to establish themselves as a new cohort, embracing fresh ways of learning and collaborating together. Their enthusiasm, teamwork, and resilience have been wonderful to see – they are doing brilliantly!"

#### **CLASS THREE**

In Maths, we have completed our first unit - three weeks of Place Value - and will be moving on to a one week unit of Addition and Subtraction.

In English, we have learned how to use speech punctuation correctly, use alternatives for said in the reporting clause and how to switch from first person perspective to the third person perspective. We have used the myth of Odysseus and the Cyclops to link with our History unit (Ancient Greece.)

In History, we have looked at the different city cultures - mainly the Spartans and Athenians - and their differences. We also studied Alexander the Great and looked at why he was such an inspirational and renowned leader.

We will be looking at Zeus in our Guided Reading sessions this week as this links well with our English myths and legends unit.

The children are also having lots of fun in PE learning multiskills to develop thinking and communication skills, balance, co-ordination and agility.