

Hannah More Primary School Newsletter

6th January 2016

Hello everyone, welcome back and Happy New Year!

It has been a very cold start to term - but many of us have been too busy to notice! This week Reception classes found a troll under the bridge in the playground, Year 1 followed instructions to make some healthy fruit salad, Year 2 welcomed back our friendly reading buddies, Year 3 started their new book 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', Year 4 enjoyed a workshop about digestion, Year 5 experienced life in the Workhouse and Year 6 challenged themselves with a muddy obstacle course! Lots of excellent learning in just three days! Read more about this in the 'Class News' section and check the Year 6 blog on the school website for some muddy pictures!

There is much to look forward to this term, including a special 'House Lunch' next week, when children can enjoy eating together in their houses and playing some team games as well. We will also be welcoming you at our next Open Morning and celebrating Hannah More's birthday later in the term, with a range of activities as well as an International Food Feast!

Caterlink, who provide our school meals, are asking for feedback from parents. Please complete the questionnaire that will be sent home today. We will also email this to you.

Best wishes

Sue Ramsay, Headteacher.

This week's **SUPERKIDS** !



Reception: Ella and Tiyana

Year 1: Nur and Yoonis

Year 2: Wesley and Yoonis

Year 3: Saleeban and Jack

Year 4: Mohamed M and Khadim

Year 5: Hala and Sahra

Year 6: Rafael and Charlie

Class news

Reception classes ... We were surprised this week to find a troll under the bridge in the playground! We all had to ask if we could 'trip-trap' across the bridge before he ate us up! We have been learning and acting out the story of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. In Maths we added 'one more' goat and found 'one less' when the troll gobbled one up. **At home please ask your child to tell you what is 'one more' and 'one less' than different numbers to 10. You could use a number line to help.**

Year 2... We have returned to school with great enthusiasm for learning! This week we compared different values of coins and added up different amounts of money. In Literacy we put actions to the words of a story called 'How to Catch a Star'. This helped us to remember the story. **Please help at home by asking your child to tell you the story 'How to Catch a Star'.**

Year 1 ... In Literacy this week we followed instructions to make fruit salads! We focused on finding 1 more/1 less/ 10 more/ 10 less in maths. We also introduced our new topic which is all about animals (including humans!). **Please help at home by asking your child to tell you about the fruits we have tasted this week.**

Year 3 ... This week we practised recalling multiplication and division facts. We learned about 'rags to riches' stories and started to learn actions for 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. In PSHE we started to think about 'dreams and goals' and set ourselves a new year resolution! **At home, please practise multiplication and division facts for the 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8 times tables.**

Year 4 ... We have come back to school with a bang! Our first day began with a visit from a mad scientist. We had great fun learning about the digestion system in a practical way. In maths we learned about fractions and looked at decimals. To start our literacy, we had a visit from a magician sent by Abdul Kazam. We thought he was great and have recommended him for Abdul Kazam's circus. **At home, please support your child's learning by looking for fractions in action.**

Year 5... Happy New Year! In maths this week we learnt how to read fractions. We listened to our mystery story 'The Viewer' by Gary Crew and, to set the scene, we sat in the dark with eerie music on! We then acted out our own ending in groups. We had a bit of a shock in our Topic when Ms Ramsay came in and treated us like children from the workhouse. We carried out chores such as scrubbing the floors, picking up grains of rice and running around carrying logs! **You can help at home by comparing fractions using the fraction wall.**

Year 6 ... This week, we have revised our understanding of decimal place value and practised multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. In literacy we looked at our targets for the term and edited an example piece of work against them. We had a very 'active' start to our topic with our own year 6 'Tough Mudder'. Have a look on the website and Twitter for pictures. **At home, please asking your child to tell you about our class text of the term - Skellig.**

Bike Breakfast

Need a new bike?

Need a simple repair?

Get your tyres pumped or your brakes fixed. Or swap



17th January 8-8.30

BUG CLUB workshop - Thursday
12th January 9-10. Find out more about our online reading programme and how to use it at home to support your child's reading. Register at the office or email to reserve a place - or request more workshop dates!



Healthy Eating Cookery Course

Tuesdays afternoons from January.
Register on 10th January at 2pm .

Our next Open Morning will be on Tuesday 28 February. Parents are invited to experience teaching and learning in the classroom. Booking is essential - forms will be emailed to all parents.



Do your children love science? Would you like to visit At-Bristol with them? Why not join us for some free family visits? Ask at the office for more information.



Our lovely library is open every Monday after school. Come and enjoy some books with your child!

Homework Club
Every Thursday! All welcome!
Younger children must have an adult with them.

Our Award-winning Breakfast club is open every morning from 8.00 - 8.30. Parents are welcome as well - and it's free!



Half-term trip!

We will be running another family trip to Bristol Aquarium on February 15th. Tickets are available the week before!



Mums' sports!

Every Friday 9.30 -10.45

Come and try some basketball, circuits or netball. Ladies only.



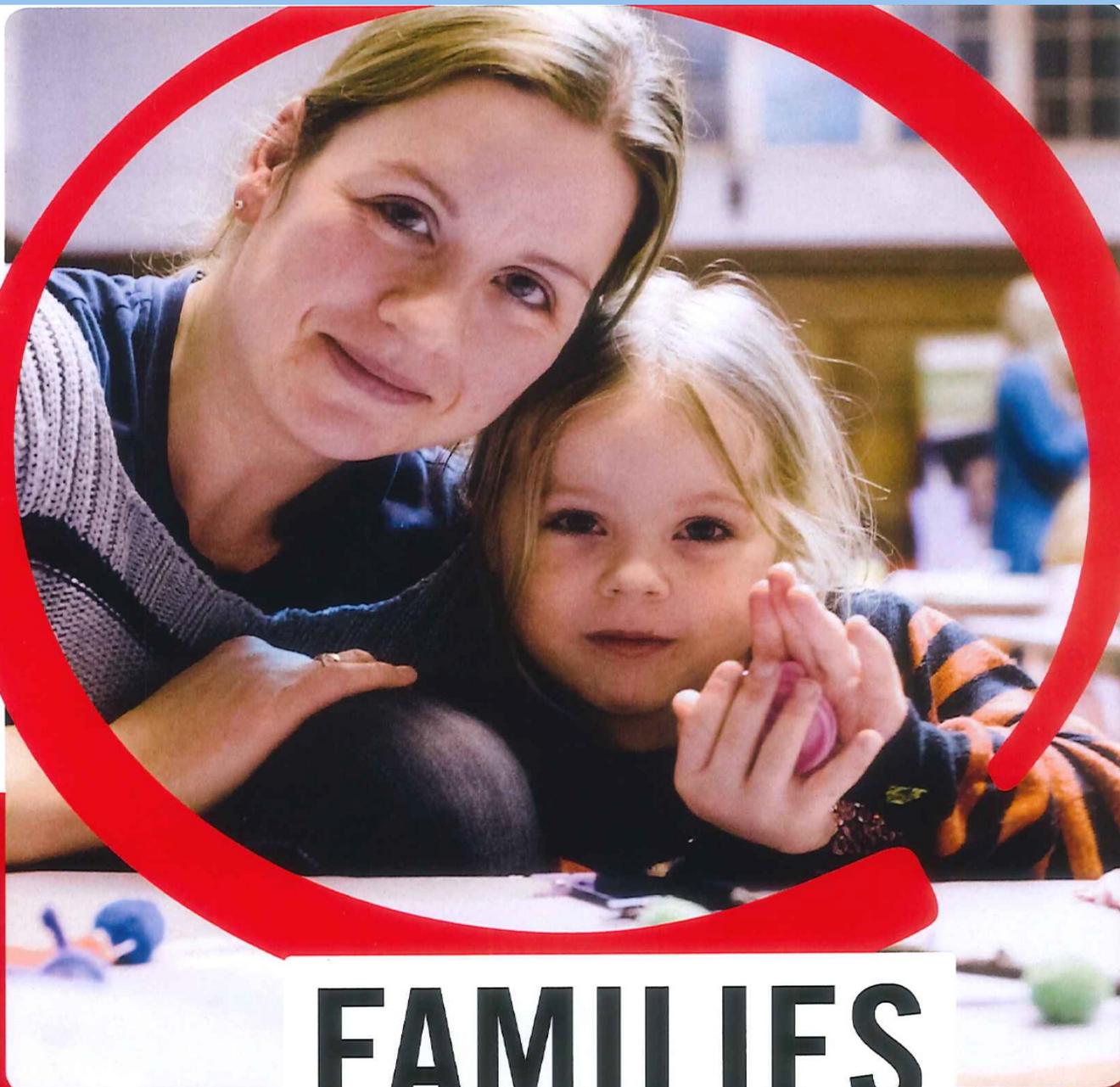
New course for Year 1 and 2 parents and children!

Understanding feelings, exploring stories, playing with numbers.

Starts Wednesday 25 January 2.30 - 4.30

Find out more at a coffee morning on Wednesday 18 January, 9.00.

Free childcare - and playspace vouchers when you complete the course!



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