



Newsletter No.3

Dear Parents/Carers,

There has been a shift in the weather this week. As we have moved into October it definitely feels like autumn is upon us. The rain may have fallen heavily this week but it has not dampened our spirits in school.

School Council met for the first time this term this week. We had a planned meeting where they were given their first task of the year which was to prepare for a special visit. On Thursday we welcomed Anthony Browne MP. The school council asked excellent questions about a range of topics including why he had chosen to visit us, what he does and enjoys about his role and even one about the current fuel situation! We were very impressed with the children's questions and their active listening to his responses. They were true ambassadors for our school and enjoyed this excellent opportunity to learn more about the role of an MP. Lots of the children expressed an interest in becoming MPs in the future which is fabulous for our community. After the meeting with school council, Anthony Browne met with Mrs Pentney and our chair of governors Dr Tim Wreghitt, where we shared information about our school and challenges for the education sector at present.

We have enjoyed watching topic homework begin to come in over the last week. In particular stonehenges made from a range of interesting media and photographs of relatives have caught our attention! Topic homework is a great opportunity for children to extend their learning at home with choices of their own, as well as spend some quality time with a parent or carer whilst they develop their ideas. On the theme of working at home, you have been sent an email this week about a Christmas card competition for Anthony Browne MP. The winner of this competition will have their design sent out by Mr Browne and will also be sent to the prime minister Mr Boris Johnson who will pose with a photograph of it! This would most definitely be an exciting prize so do support your children to enter if they wish to. Good luck to all who chose to enter.

As the weather gets colder please ensure your child has appropriate clothing and a warm coat (all named please) to enjoy being outside. We are delighted to have been able to relaunch relaxation station this term. Relaxation station is a calm place for children who need a break from lunchtime to go to. There are a range of quiet activities available to help children feel safe and supported, talk through problems if needed and re-join their friends when they are ready.

The children continue to work hard and do their best with their learning. The leadership team have been out and about observing teaching and learning this week which is always a privilege, pleasure and joy. It has been fantastic to see the high levels of engagement from the pupils and also they way they are supported to make progress in their learning directly and indirectly. All classes have a working wall which is a space where teachers and TAs put information to support children when they are working independently. It is a great place for children to look for an example, a model of how to do something, or to help them choose the right word for their writing. They really do help the children to build independence and develop as learners.

Have a lovely weekend with your families.

Best wishes,
Mrs Kendall and Mrs Pentney

**Anthony Browne
MP came to visit
our school.**



Tiger-tastic in year 1!

**Working hard on
problem solving in
maths.**



**Heraldic Herons
designed their
own shields.**



**Stonehenges made
at home by year 3.**