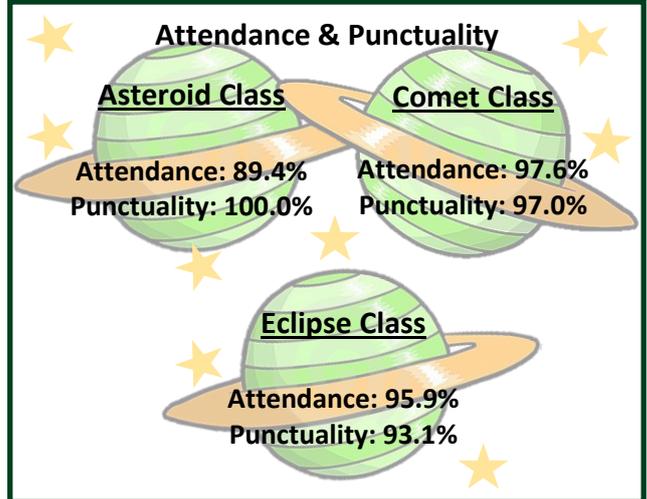




Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School, We enjoyed another very busy week at HHS last week, with children participating in activities linked to Anti-Bullying and Children in Need. Y1 had a fantastic time at the Museum of Childhood, developing their historical and chronological skills and exploring the museum to find their favourite toys from the past and present. YR and Y1 both continue to enjoy their Outdoor Adventures every week – huge thanks to our parent volunteers who continue to brave the inclement weather to support our outdoor learning; I'm sure you've seen how much the children gain from the experiences they have off-site! We also held another very well-attended Open Morning last week – please do continue to distribute any leaflets and messages of support; it does make a difference!

Claire Summ



Anti-Bullying Week

We raised **£56.84** as part of Anti-Bullying Week last week! Children made their own anti-bullying videos and discussed



all the different ways they can be good friends to each other. Classes also thought about what to do if they are being bullied, or see someone else being bullied.

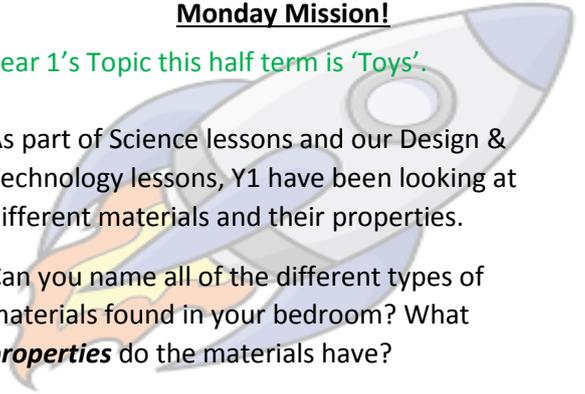


Monday Mission!

Year 1's Topic this half term is 'Toys'.

As part of Science lessons and our Design & Technology lessons, Y1 have been looking at different materials and their properties.

Can you name all of the different types of materials found in your bedroom? What **properties** do the materials have?



SUPER STARS!

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

Asteroid Class:

Ruth
Ela

Comet Class:

Adam
Freddie

Eclipse Class:

Hailey
Roux

Well done for working so hard and being such good role models!

Children in Need!

We raised **£118.04** for Children in Need from some truly **Spotacular** outfits on Friday! Thank you to everyone for all your kind donations last week – they will go to very good causes. If you have not yet donated but would like to contribute, there is still time – just hand any donations to the school office and we'll add it to our collection!



INSET Day reminder



This Friday is INSET (teacher training) Day at school, which means children will not be in. We look forward to seeing everyone back to school as normal on Monday morning!



FOHH Social Event

Friends of Halley House would like to host a social event for all parents, carers and members of our Friends group. There have already been plans for a Quiz Night, which would be a great way for everyone to get to know each other better, have some fun *and* raise funds for the school. We would like to use any money raised for developing our ground floor playground. We really need your support to run these events – please get in touch with Lola, Chair of FOHH, if you can contribute your time or resources. We would love to get a date booked in your busy social diaries!

Trip payments

We have received very few payments for trips this half term. The planned trip to the Hackney Empire on Tuesday 13th December for both year groups has been placed on hold whilst we receive further contributions. **We will be unable to proceed with this trip unless we receive sufficient contributions for this trip and any outstanding payments for previous ones.** If you require any assistance with payments, or would like to speak in confidence about voluntary contributions, please contact the school office.

Illness



We know that at this time of the year coughs and colds are very common, but they are not a reason to stay off school if otherwise well. If your child is running a temperature then we do advise keeping them at home until this returns to normal. All absences should be reported to the school via telephone on 020 7504 0548, or email office@halleyhouseschool.org.uk, **by 9.30am** in the morning. Thank you.

Christmas Production

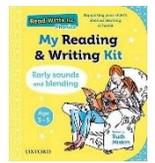
This year, both year groups will be performing in our first Christmas Concert! Children have already started practising some of the songs in school, and lyric



sheets will shortly be coming home for some further practice! We are really excited about the show, and children are particularly looking forward to performing together for some of the songs! We are also hoping to present our first 'End of Year Extravaganza' in the Summer term, which will involve children acting, singing and showcasing even more of their talents!

Literacy and maths resources for home

We have a range of resources and guides for you to help your child at home with literacy and maths. As well as Speed Sounds cards (Set 1 and Set 2 & 3), we also have 'Reading & Writing at Home' packs, which come with all sorts of exciting resources tucked inside! We know it makes a huge difference if you are able to practise sounds at home with your child – and do keep sharing lots of lovely stories at home, too! If you would like any recommendations for books or activities, please speak to your child's class teacher or Ms Syms. We also have a range of maths resources, including bead strings and Dienes rods, available from the school office to use at home. All resources can be purchased using ParentPay.



Road Safety Week

This week is Road Safety Week and children will be designing their own posters explaining how to stay safe on and near the roads. Children have been thinking particularly carefully about road safety around school, and important things to remember when they go off-site for regular outdoor adventures or for school trips.



Little Stars Stay & Play

Our Little Stars Stay & Play group has really taken off this year, with a wonderful mix of existing parents and community members regularly enjoying a relaxing (and productive!) session during Tuesday mornings. Rowena, who runs the group, puts in a tremendous amount of time and effort to make the group engaging, fun and friendly and we have received lots of positive reports from very happy mums, dads, childminders and the Little Stars themselves! Prospective parents during our Open Morning sessions have also been delighted to see the group 'in action' during the school tour. Huge thanks to Rowena for all her hard work and commitment, and for all the ongoing support from our families and friends of HHS!

Playtimes

Our very talented support staff lead playtimes at HHS. Children have lots of opportunities to use their imaginations for creative play, and there are also adult-led games and activities in the playground, to stimulate children's interests and encourage them to interact with new friends! This half term, one of our focuses for playtime is about children playing with different friends in both year groups – we love how our Y1 children have really taken on the challenge of being role models to younger children in the school. Children also get the chance to practise playing different team games when they visit the Hindle House ball court at lunchtimes!

DIARY DATES	
Autumn 2	
REMINDER: PE @ PETCHY IS NOW ON TUESDAY AFTERNOONS, 1.30-2.30PM, FOR BOTH YEAR GROUPS.	
Monday 21 st November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road Safety Week
Friday 25 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> INSET Day. Children not in school.
Tuesday 29 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admissions 2017 – Open Morning, 9-10am
Wednesday 7 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents' Evening, 3-6pm
Tuesday 13 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admissions 2017 – Open Morning, 9-10am YR TRIP/VISIT – Trip to Hackney Empire; Christmas Pantomine Y1 TRIP/VISIT – Trip to Hackney Empire; Christmas Pantomine
Thursday 15 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flu Vaccine – nasal spray (School Nurse)
Friday 16 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Performance, 2pm Curriculum Booklets for Spring 1 sent home
Monday 19 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas lunch in school
Tuesday 20 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of Autumn 2. School finishes at 2pm

Spring 1	
Tuesday 3 rd January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> INSET Day. Children not in school
Wednesday 4 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First day back of the Spring term!
Thursday 5 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admissions 2017 – Open Morning, 9-10am
Friday 6 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance & Punctuality Awards from Autumn 2 sent home
Tuesday 10 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Little Stars Stay & Play, 9-11am Admissions 2017 – Open Morning, 9-10am
Tuesday 17 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y1 Swimming Lessons start
Thursday 26 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admissions 2017 – Open Morning, 9-10am
Wednesday 1 st February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informal Parents' Evening, 4-6pm
Friday 3 rd February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NSPCC Number Day
Tuesday 7 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 8 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Workshops – E-Safety, 9-10am and 5-6pm
Friday 10 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of Spring1. School finishes at 2pm.

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Playtime fun!

Museum of Childhood

