



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,
Thank you all very much for all your generosity last week, both in terms of our charitable fundraising and support for the school. We are still very short on trip contributions, so if you can make a payment before the Spring term, it would be hugely appreciated. There are still several trips and events to come before the end of this term, including our Winter Wonderland Fayre. Rehearsals for Christmas performances have also started, with songs being practised and the staging already in place. We will need lots of volunteers and would love to hear from you if you can offer any assistance; both shows promise to offer visual and aural treats so we do hope to see as many of you there as possible!

Claire Syms

Monday Missions

Reception: In topic we have been reading 'Little Red Riding Hood' and discussed the importance of being safe. Can you remember some of the things we must do to stay safe?



Year 1: In maths we are weighing and comparing the weights of different objects. Can you use kitchen scales to weigh some objects around the house?



Year 2: We have been learning about seasonal changes. Do you know any stories about changing seasons? You could read Frog in Winter or a factual book about the seasons.



Attendance & Punctuality

Week Beginning	5 th November		12 th November	
	Attendance	Punctuality	Attendance	Punctuality
Asteroid	91.7%	97.2%	94.78%	95.41%
Comet	98.8%	98.38%	96.4%	99.17%
Eclipse	98.75%	98.04%	98.75%	98.73%
Quasar	95.63%	98.04%	96.88%	96.77%
Galaxy	96.25%	96.75%	98.75%	96.2%
Cosmos	97.5%	98.04%	93.5%	96.2%
Hawking	97.31%	95.26%	98.08%	92.55%

Our overall attendance as a school (96.6%) is currently still above our target of 96.5%, which is a great start to our school year. Well done everyone! Please remember that sniffles and colds are **not** usually a reason for children to miss school, so keep them wrapped up warm, maintain good fluid levels and ensure they get plenty of sleep to help keep those winter bugs at bay!

★ ★ SUPER STARS! ★ ★

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

	09/11/18		16/11/18	
Reception				
Asteroid	Hakeely	Morayo	Oscar S	Raemario
Comet	Jasper	Niyah	Kian	Tyler-James
Eclipse	Tsubame	Freya	Elif	Sienna
Quasar	Emir	Julia	Kayden	Josiah
Galaxy	Iman	Ebube	Kamden	Israel
Cosmos	Maya	Theo	Keziah	Arthur
Hawking	Izzy	Kelis	Andre	Tiamee

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

Children in Need



Children had a fantastic day on Friday, wearing something spotty to support Children in Need. Many thanks for all the generous donations we received, all of which go towards supporting this very worthwhile cause – we will share our fundraising figure once we've added it all up! If you would still like to make a donation, please do so via the school office.

School Nurse Coffee Morning

All parents/carers are invited to attend a coffee morning with our School Nurse Sarah Frimpong-Ampomah on **Wednesday 21st November at 9:30am.**



Sarah will be sharing some information about the school nurse service in schools and is keen to meet with you. Parents/carers of children in Reception are particularly encouraged to attend as Sarah will be sharing some information about the upcoming health screening for all Reception children. It will also be a good opportunity to discuss any questions about your child's medical needs or care plans in school on a general level.

Headlice & Threadworms

There have been a couple of cases of both these very common complaints in the school. If you suspect that your child has either of these complaints please treat your child as soon as possible to prevent them spreading further. Please refer to the NHS website for further advice.

Attendance and Punctuality – supplementary guidance

Please refer to our supplementary guidance about recommendations for when children should, and should not, be kept off school due to illness. Winter coughs and colds are rarely a reason for children to miss school, but more serious illnesses, such as chicken pox, do require recovery periods before a recommended return to school.

Thank You FOHH!

Thank you to FOHH and all the parents who have helped to fundraise for the school. Thanks to you all we have been able to purchase a high vis jacket for each child in the school for use when they are going offsite.



Indian Dance Workshop

In RE last half term, Hawking class were learning all about Hinduism. We focussed on the symbol of light and discussed traditions during Diwali. To celebrate the end of our learning we were very lucky to experience and learn traditional dances from Dance Days workshops.

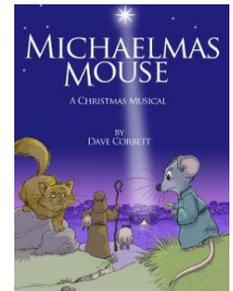


Child Development Documentary series

Wall to Wall production company are making a documentary series that will explore child development over the first few years of life, capturing the milestones in those first years that are universal to us all as they follow the lives of children from across the globe. The series will reflect the latest and most up-to-date scientific research that is being carried out in the field of child development, to help the audience understand the path we take to becoming us. They are currently looking for families with young children in the London area to take part in the series, and would love to speak to anyone with children between 0-5 years old, who might be interested in finding out a bit more about the series. Please see the attached flyer for details.

Year 2 and 3 Christmas Production

This year Galaxy, Cosmos and Hawking class will be performing... Michaelmas Mouse! Michaelmas Mouse hitches a lift on Mary and Joseph's donkey to visit relatives in Bethlehem. The city mice don't approve of their scruffy country cousin until he sorts out the tyrannical cat Morz. As they stroll over the hills around Bethlehem, some sheep tell them about the birth of a special baby. Last week we held auditions for the main parts; Michaelmas Mouse, Morz and five narrators. With careful deliberation, Ms Watson will be announcing the successful auditionees in Tuesday's assembly. Congratulations to all that took part, just two more sleeps until the names are revealed! We're looking forward to showing you our acting skills on Thursday 20th December. It'll be a show not to be missed! We are looking for parent helpers to help with the following: stage design, costume design, hair and make-up, lighting and/ or just some helpful hands. If you would like more information or to donate any fancy dress/ old clothes, make-up, props, literally anything to help with our production please contact Miss Clarke mclarke@halleyhouseschool.org.uk or catch her in the playground.



HHS Enrichment Fund

Many thanks to our very generous parents who have already donated to our newly opened enrichment fund. We are hugely appreciative of your ongoing support in enabling us to provide additional opportunities for all our children.

Year 1 visit to the Childhood Museum

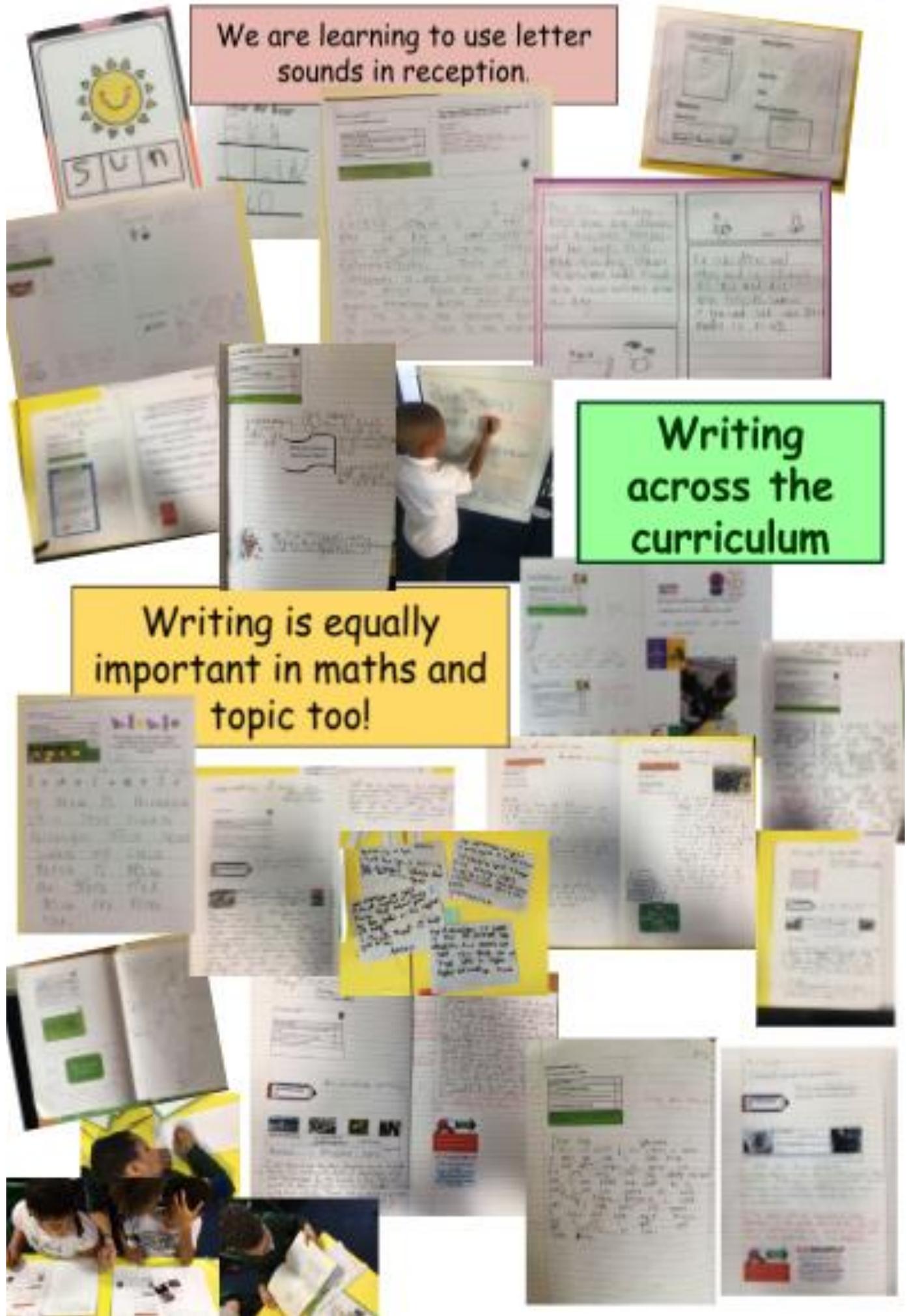
This term, we have been looking at toys from the past. We have been discussing various toys that our grandparents and parents have played with. To understand more about it, we visited the Childhood Museum and attended a fun workshop where we played with old and new toys. We also walked around the museum and saw toys from almost 300 years ago. It was a very exciting day!

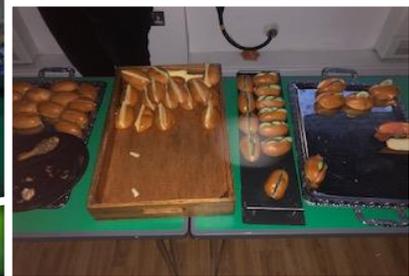
DIARY DATES	
Autumn 2	
Wednesday 21st November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coffee Morning with School Nurse, 9:30 – 10:15am (all parents/carers welcome, particularly parents/carers of children in Reception classes)
Thursday 22nd November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Morning, Admissions 2019, 9.15-10.15am Y2 TRIP / VISIT – Trip to Kew Gardens
Monday 26th – Tuesday 27th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BPET Learning Review
Wednesday 28th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y2 Galaxy Class Assembly
Thursday 29th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Morning, Admissions 2019, 9.15-10.15am
Wednesday 5th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Morning, Admissions 2019, 9.15-10.15am Y3 TRIP / VISIT – Trip to Mirror Maze, Stratford
Friday 7th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FOHH Winter Wonderland Fayre preparation meeting
Wednesday 12th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YR & Y1 Christmas Production @ HHS (YR Asteroid & Y1 Quasar parents/carers) 10.00am
Thursday 13th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YR & Y1 Christmas Production @ HHS (YR Comet & Y1 Eclipse parents/carers) 10.00am Formal Parents' Evening, 4.00pm-7.00pm
Friday 14th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winter Wonderland Fayre
Tuesday 18th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photographer in from Tate
Wednesday 19th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas lunch in school
Thursday 20th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y2 & Y3 Christmas Production
Friday 21st December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day of Autumn term. School finishes at 2pm

We are learning to use letter sounds in reception.

Writing across the curriculum

Writing is equally important in maths and topic too!





School Disco Success!

A huge thank you to FOHH for putting on an amazing disco for all the children, including the delicious spread provided by Michael and of course our resident DJ, Ms Watson, for her great music selection! A massive well done to all the children who showcased their great moves and dancing!



DISCO



Congratulations to Ms Watson on her appearance in Coronation Street! We are extremely proud to have such a talented member of staff – TONIGHT is her big debut on ITV at 7.30pm so please tune in!

