



# Church Hill Infants News

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## A message from the Head ...

Dear Parent / Carers,

As we approach the end of this period of school closure and prepare to welcome all children back to school on Monday 8th March, I wanted to take this opportunity to celebrate and recognise all that our school community has achieved over the last few weeks. It has not been an easy few weeks and at times the juggle of home life, parenting and learning has felt overwhelming and this is something, we as a school, were all too aware of. However teachers and parents have worked together to provide some fantastic learning opportunities for all of our children and we have been amazed at how everyone has adapted to these new ways of working.

We now begin to look forward, to when all children will come back to the classroom and once again our corridors will be filled with noise and laughter. We want to reassure parents that we are carefully planning those first few weeks back at school and understand that it will take time for children to readjust and reengage with school life. With that in mind our curriculum during those few weeks will be adapted to allow the children to once again build back relationships with their friends and give them opportunities to talk about the things that worry them or that they are looking forward to doing.

Lastly, I wanted to share some of the fabulous learning that has taken place over the last few weeks at school and home to give you a bit of a sneak peek at what each year group has been focusing on!

Kind regards,

Mrs. Meera Bulsara



## Wellies and bit and bobs!

We are looking forward to welcoming all children back to school on Monday 8th March and will send more details of our reopening in due course. However as we will be using all of the school grounds during playtimes and lunchtimes we would ask that children make sure they have their wellies in school at all times.

Our Cool Milk deliveries should resume on 8th March so children who have ordered milk will continue to get it from this date.

We have also begun to receive our fruit deliveries once again so children will not need to bring a snack in with them.

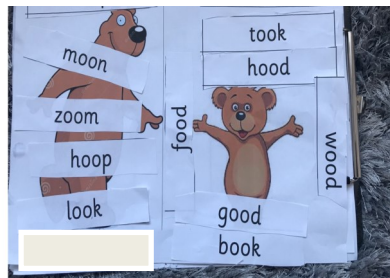
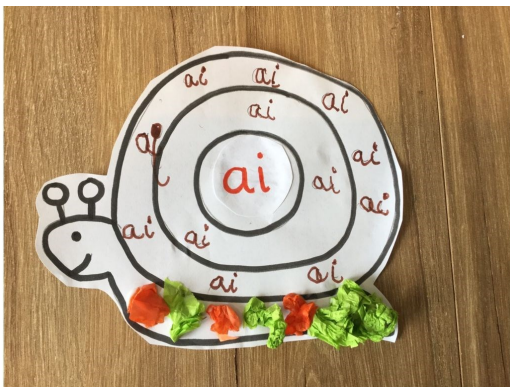




In Foundation Stage and Year 1 we have been enjoying learning about Space at home and at school. We learned about the different planets in our solar system and were treated to some pictures from Mr V's telescope. We have used lego to make models of space ships and were able to have a go at junk modelling an alien spaceship just like Miss Lodhia showed us!



We have also been enjoying our Phonics learning and the Foundation Stage children have begun to learn the Phase 3 sounds and Year 1 have been recapping the Phase 5 sounds. All of the children have impressed their teachers with their perseverance and determination whether they have been learning at home or at school.



The weather has been a real treat this term so far and in the week that it snowed we were able to get outside and enjoy a snowball fight or two. We even made a snowman, what do you think?

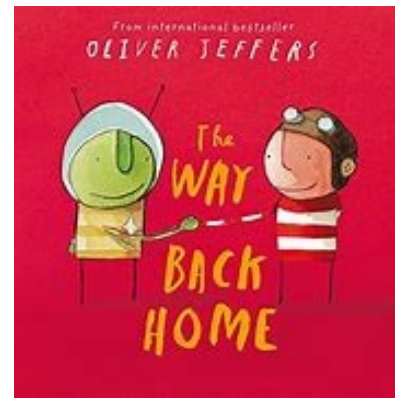
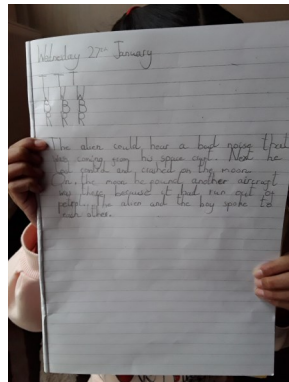
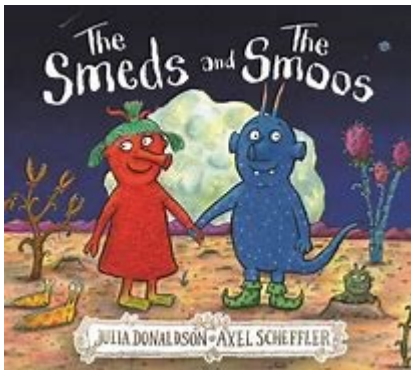
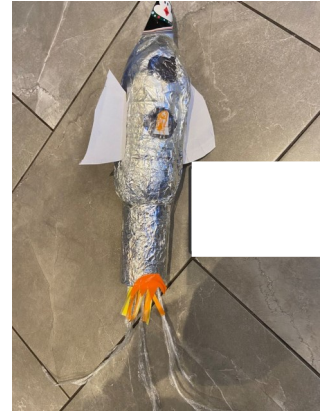
We're looking forward to spotting those signs of Spring this half term though!





In Year 1 we have also been enjoying learning about Space. We have spent time learning about the different planets and have had a go at learning the order that they are in. We had a go at junk modelling space ships after we learned all about Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins and Buzz Aldrin in our shared reading sessions.

The books we have using in Literacy have also inspired our writing and we have had the opportunity to learn about some fantastic modern day authors. We used the Smeds and the Smoos by Julia Donaldson to practise using adjectives and verbs to describe and The Way Back Home by Oliver Jeffers to practise retelling a story.



We have also really enjoyed our ELSA sessions which have been led by Mrs Corcoran and Mrs Lidder for the children learning at home and in school. We have found these sessions really useful at helping us to not only talk about worries but also about our bottle moments and the things we are looking forward to doing in the future.

