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Acting Head Teacher Message

Mrs Clarke

Welcome back and despite Christmas now being a distant memory, I do hope you've all had a restful and enjoyable break. Children have returned to school raring to go, and have enjoyed the first two weeks of spring term. Teachers are busy finalising school trips and workshops linked to topics that are being covered in each class. We look forward to another fantastic term and as always, if you have any queries please come and speak to a member of staff.

Please take a look at the Galleries section of the website; we have updated it with lots of lovely photos from last term!

<http://www.acomb.northumberland.sch.uk/website/galleries/98985>

School News

Parent Consultations

You should have received a letter about our parent consultation evenings that will take place during the first week back after February half term. Please complete the reply slip as soon as possible and return to school. Appointment slips will go out on Thursday 14th February.

Attendance

A super attendance figure this week at 100% which is fantastic! Overall attendance continues to be very good; attendance figures are 97.49 % since the beginning of the academic year. We really appreciate your efforts to arrive at school promptly ready to learn!

Payment Reminders

Thank you to those of you who have paid swimming contributions this term. These contributions help enormously to cover the cost of swimming and the coach each week, as any shortfall is paid for by the school. It really does make a difference. For information on the cost of swimming please see the school website

http://www.acomb.northumberland.sch.uk/website/payment_information_-_spring_term/385235

Clubs

Clubs began this week and will run for 5 weeks until the final week of half term. There was a big demand for clubs this half term and we do have children on a waiting list for Multisport club therefore we will send out another clubs letter for next half term to ensure everyone has the chance to attend.

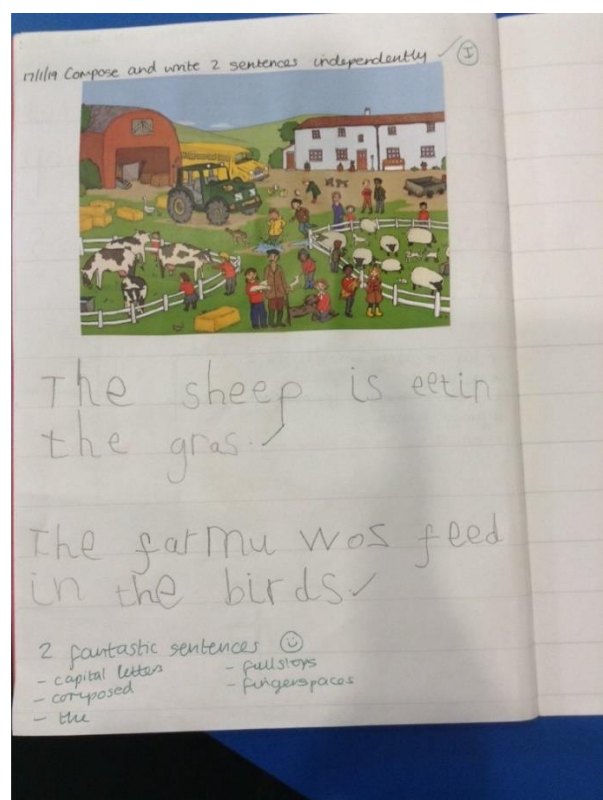
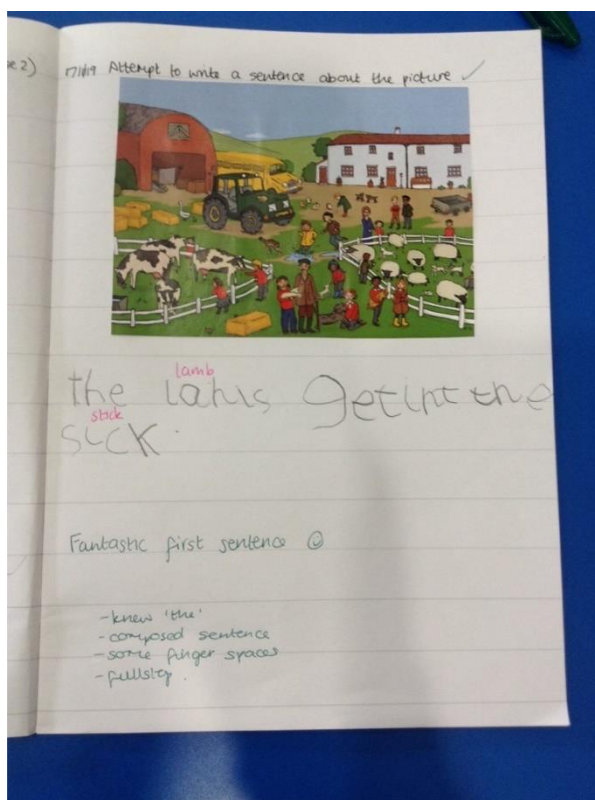
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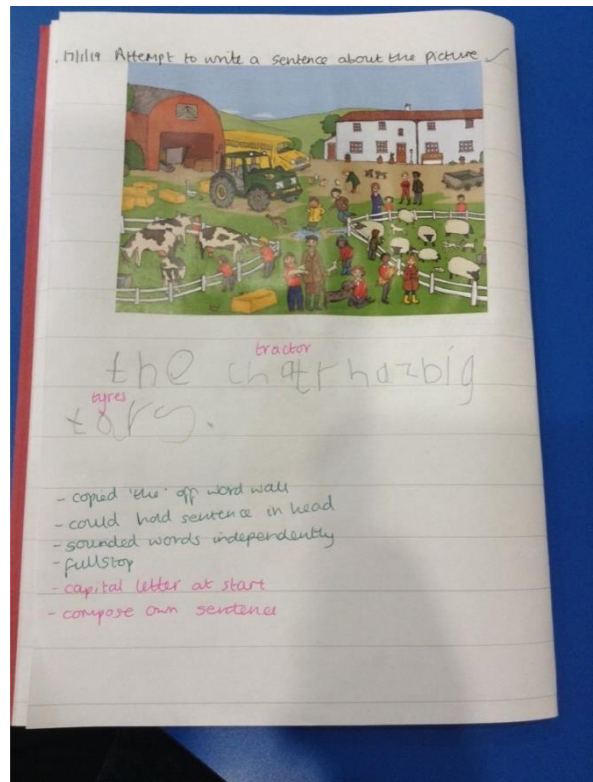
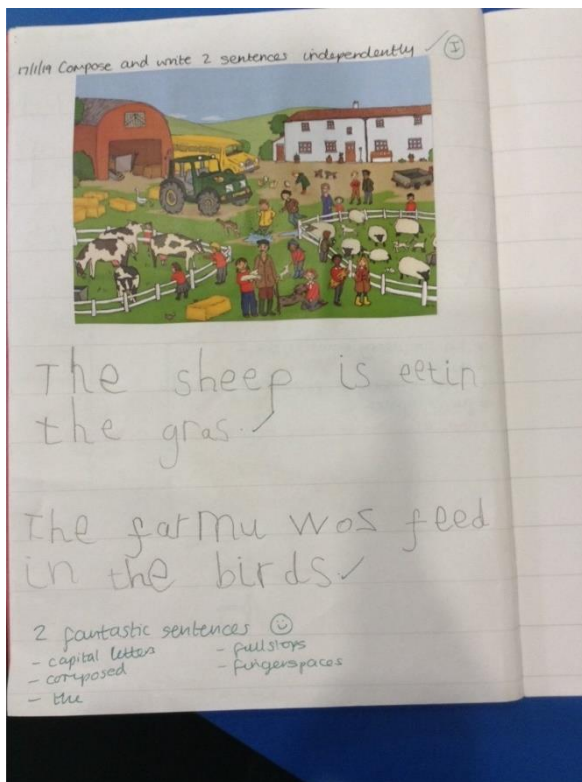
Reception - Mrs Manning

This term our topic is 'Down on the Farm', as children were interested to find out about different animals. So far we have looked at pigs and cows and found out about the names of animal babies.

This week we have started to learn how to write a sentence and learned about starting with a capital letter, finishing with a full stop, using finger spaces and our phonics! It's a lot to remember but the children are doing a fantastic job, below are a few to show you...

This week we also started working on our Reception outdoor area. We worked as a team to clear leaves, transfer things from the Nursery yard and move the play house.





Class 1 - Mrs Barber

Class One have been learning all about 2-D and 3-D shapes, we have also been learning about their properties. The children went on a 3-D shape hunt in the classroom and were able to correctly name the shapes that they had collected. They used their knowledge of 3-D shape properties to identify the number of vertices, edges and faces.

We have started to learn about Africa and were able to name the seven continents in Geography this week to help us start our topic this term, which is 'Amazing Acomb and Awesome Africa'.



Class 2 - Mrs Hinchcliffe

Class 2 have made a great start back after Christmas. Their new Topic is "Any Old Iron" They are all enjoying reading The Iron Man by Ted Hughes and have produced some fantastic writing and art work in response to the first chapter. If you get a chance, have a look at the work around school and our Iron Man model.

In topic work we have moved on to learning about the Iron Age. The children have made a great start thinking about the inventions of that time.

They worked in groups to write scripts for adverts about Iron and hill forts. As well as all this they had a fantastic day up at forest school and enjoyed a great afternoon with Rob from the charity WE. Look out for our X Factor competition to raise money for schools in the developing world!



| Date | Event | Time | Notes |
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| Monday 14 th January | Board Game Club begins (5 weeks) | 3.15 to 4.00pm | Up to and including 11.2.18 |
| Wednesday 16 th January | Multisport Club (5 weeks) | 3.15 to 4.15 pm | Up to and including 13.2.18 |
| Thursday 17 th January | Open the Book Assembly | 2.45 - 3pm | Pupils and staff |
| Tuesday 29 th January | PTA cake stall - Reception | 3.15 pm | School yard |
| 15 th February | Teacher Training Day | All day | School closed to pupils |
| 18 th – 22 nd February | Spring half term holiday | | |
| Monday 25 th February | School reopens to pupils | | |
| Tuesday 26 th February | Parent Consultations | 3.30pm – 6pm | See letter for details |
| Thursday 28 th February | Parent Consultations | 3.30pm – 6pm | See letter for details |
| Tuesday 5 th March | Class 2 trip to Housesteads - Roman re-enactment | All day | More details to follow |
| Friday 8 th March | Class 1 Forest School | All day | More details to follow |
| 8th April – 19 th April | Easter holiday | | |
| Monday 22 nd April | Bank holiday Monday | All day | School closed to staff and pupils |
| Tuesday 23 rd April | School reopens to pupils | | |
| Monday 6 th May | Bank holiday Monday | All day | School closed to staff and pupils |
| 27 th May – 31 st May | Summer half term holiday | | |
| Monday 3 rd June | School reopens to pupils | | |
| Monday 8 th July | Transfer day | All day | Children to visit new classes /schools. |
| Friday 19 th July | Break up for Summer holiday | | |