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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>

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## 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](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.

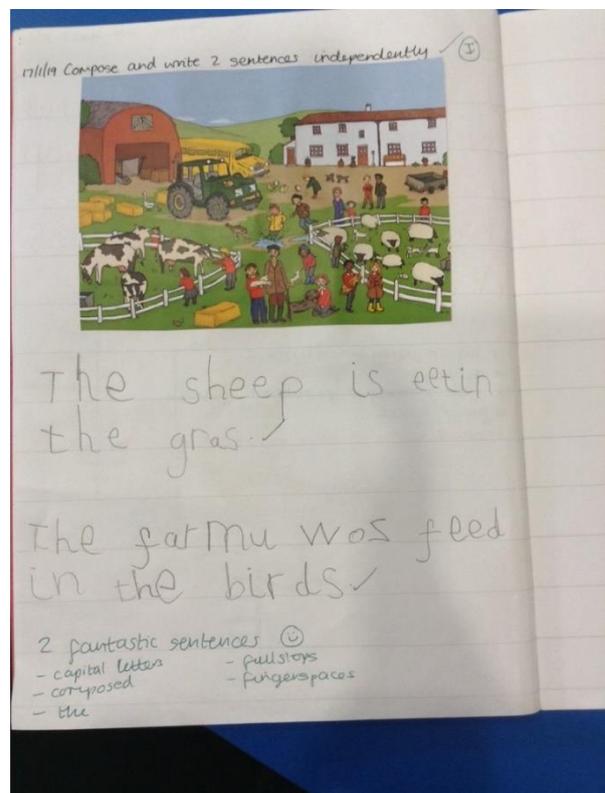
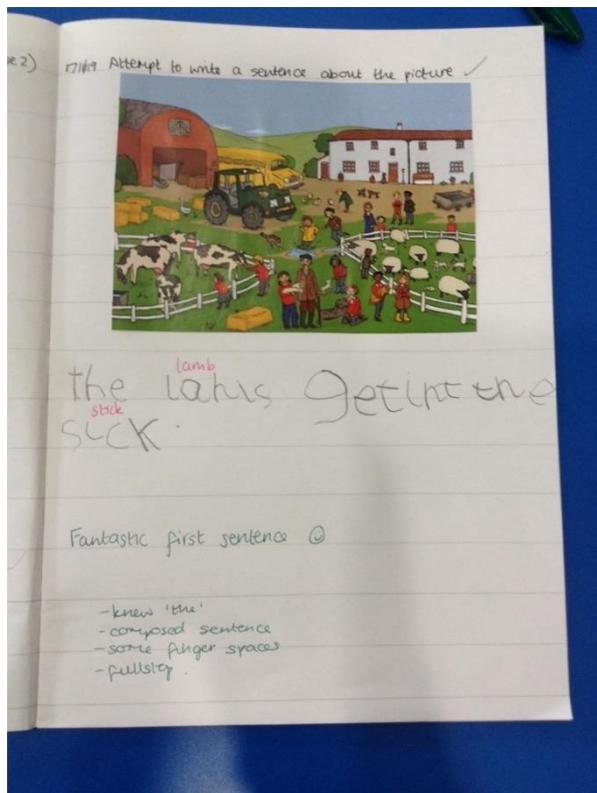
## Class news

### 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.



Milia Compose and write 2 sentences independently ✓ (5)



The sheep is eetin  
the gras ✓

The farmu was feed  
in the birds ✓

2 fantastic sentences 😊

- capital letters
- composed
- the
- full stops
- fingerspaces

Milia Attempt to write a sentence about the picture ✓



the <sup>tyres</sup> <sup>tractor</sup> chaff haz big  
+ org.

- copied 'the' off word wall
- could hold sentence in head
- sounded words independently
- full stop
- capital letter at start
- compose own sentence



## 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!



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