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**NEWSLETTER 30th November 2018**

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| Dear Parents  **Winter illness**  Thank you very much for taking on board my appeal in last week’s newsletter, with regard to keeping children off school, if unwell. We have noticed an increase in the general health of children in school this week, and we are hoping that this will benefit us all in the long term.  Half Day class.pngFull Day.png**Upcoming Events**  We are very much looking forward to our Christmas parties for parents and staff, next week. We have received a fantastic selection of raffle prizes which you will find alongside this letter.  I would like to remind you that, if you are unable to attend and would like to purchase raffle tickets, please pop into the School office, where this can easily be arranged.  **Christmas Decorations**  The children have produced some really wonderful creative work that is adorning the school at the moment. I am sure you will agree that the school looks most festive and there is much excitement and anticipation in the air, at this very special time of year. We hope that you will enjoy looking at the children’s work when you join us for our Christmas concerts on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th December.  **Class 1 News**  This week Class 1 have been busy learning about hibernation and exploring the different animals that hibernate for the winter. We were lucky to observe some squirrels in the garden searching for nuts and then, in class, we helped our very own squirrels to gather enough nuts to last them for the winter months, as they hibernate. The children identified the number of nuts that each squirrel needed and then placed the corresponding quantity of nuts in their baskets. Thankfully the squirrels in Class 1 will be well fed for the winter ahead.  I hope everyone has a lovely weekend.  With best wishes  sign9  Mrs Sylvester | **Curriculum News**  Phonological Awareness – Rhyme  Phonological Awareness is the awareness of what sounds are and how they work together to make words. Skills include the ability to rhyme, segment words into single letter sounds and identify sounds in different positions within words. This is one of the key skills needed for successful reading and writing. Phonological skills develop in a predictable progression.  Rhyme is the ability to hear the end sounds in words e.g. cat/hat. Awareness of rhyme is important for the development of a child’s sound awareness in words. A child that is able to recognise if words rhyme will be able use these familiar patterns to aid reading, and later with spelling.  Related image    Having explored some of the animals that hibernate for the winter, in Class 1, we made some hedgehogs using clay and matchsticks. The children moulded the clay to make the hedgehogs’ bodies. Once we created the bodies, we then used matchsticks to create the spikes. The children have also created cosy little hibernation beds for their hedgehogs. It is hoped that our hedgehogs will have a very comfortable and cosy hibernation. |

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