



Primary and Nursery School

# HOLGATE PRIMARY & NURSERY NEWSLETTER

Autumn 1 Week 4

## YEAR 1 CRAFT AFTERNOON

What a brilliant turn out Year 1 had for our craft afternoon, thank you so much to everyone who came to help us. It was part of our 'Fur, feathers and scales' work as we have been learning about which animals make good pets, and so we have created our very own stone pets to look after. What a creative bunch of adults and children we had! We're so impressed with the stone pets that have been made.

Next we will be finding out how we can exercise our pets, what our pets might eat (if they are a herbivore, carnivore or omnivore) and where they might live.



Some of our year 1 children have been over the school *allotment last week and look what they have discovered ... A giant spider in its web. Take a look on your way into school tomorrow and see if you can spot him near to the entrance of our school allotment.*

## COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS

Our new Community Champions had their first visit to Jubilee Court last week. We enjoyed playing games and talking to the residents. Shyann even beat a dominoes champion!

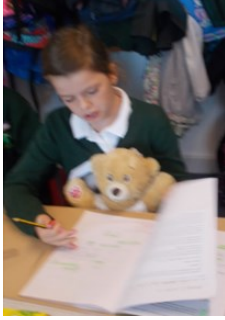


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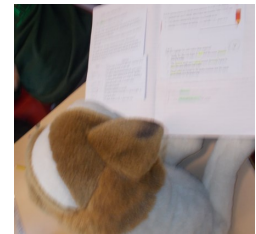
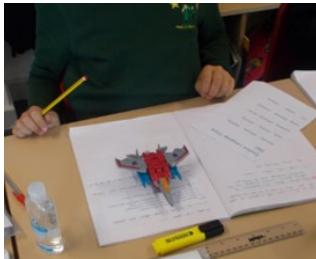
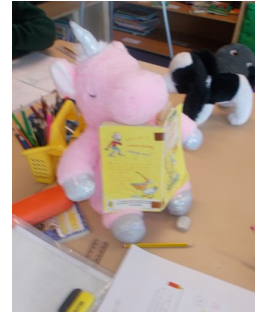
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## 4IR TEDDY TEACHERS

Over the last few weeks, 4IR have been working incredibly hard to read three times a week to earn their raffle tickets. As a class, the children decided that they wanted to bring a teddy into school to watch them do their work. We called these Teddy Teachers.

Our teddy watched us do our work and made sure that we tried our best, had beautiful presentation and kept focused all lesson. Teddy Teachers reported to Miss Roe that the children were fantastic and all work was completed to super standard.



## 4IR DIWALI AFTERNOON

In our RE sessions, we have been exploring Diwali and learning all about the traditions in the festival. We spent the afternoon creating rangoli patterns and we learnt that these are usually created on the floor using coloured rice or sand. Also, we discovered that during Diwali people treat each other with sweets. Therefore, we worked hard in teams to make some coconut ice squares which we are really looking forward to trying tomorrow once they have set in the fridge. We worked hard to follow a recipe, communicate in a team and stir the mixture.



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## YEAR 3 MAGICIAN

For our vehicle of 'Magic' The Great Adamos came in to see year 3 to teach us how to be fabulous, skilled magicians and he astounded us all with his magic tricks. He made tables fly, for real! And even made coins appear from behind our ears, a trick that the grown ups wish they knew.

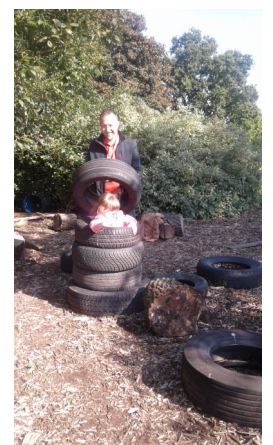
He then came into our classes and taught us all a very special disappearing trick but shhh...we can't reveal the secret



## NURSERY FOREST SCHOOL



Last week our children went down to forest school where our learning and teaching comes from the children. Today it all started from a child standing in a tire. We asked if one of them would like to be surrounded by tires and to our surprise we had children that said they would like to do it and some that were a little scared. Before we knew it we were starting to count the tires it took to hide the children then we started to measure the children against each other. We asked if it would take more or less tires to hide the next child. Then we asked if we could hide Mr Smith but the children said that his shoulders were too wide. So we tried to hide Mrs Davies. Unfortunately we couldn't get the tires around her shoulders either. The children then had to work out how we could measure without putting the tires overs her head and came up with standing at the side. They counted the tires again and then asked what about Mr Smith. Would it be more or less? The children shouted more 'because you are the tallest.' We couldn't leave out Miss Franks so we asked again, do you think it will be more or less tires? Children shouted that we needed to take some away. So we took some away until we could see her head. We then talked about that Mr Smith was the tallest and Miss Franks was the smallest and that Mrs Davies was the medium one . What started as play turned into a great time with lots of rich mathematical language. Well done nursery.



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# HOLGATE PRIMARY & NURSERY DIARY DATES

Monday 30th September	Year 2 Circus Workshop in school
Thursday 3rd October	Year 6 Drayton Manor Park
Thursday 10th October	EYFS Open Event for prospective F2/Reception starters 2020—4.00 pm
Friday 11th October	Year 5 & 6 Bike ability Level 1—10.00 am—12.15 pm Year 5 & 6 Bike ability Level 2 Lesson 1—1.10 pm—3.10 pm
Monday 14th October	Year 5 & 6 Bike ability Level 2 Lesson 2—10.15 am—12.15 pm Year 5 & 6 Bike ability Level 2 Lesson 3—1.10 pm—15.10 pm
Monday 14th October	Y2 Circus Performance to parents 1.30 pm
Thursday 17th October	Y1 Pet Show to Parents 2.00 pm—3.00 pm
Friday 18th October	F2 Superhero Day—parents invited from 2.30 pm—more details to follow
Friday 18th October	Year 3 & 4 Bike ability Level 1 Lesson 2—9.00 am—10.00 am

## INSET DAYS

Friday 14th February 2020	INSET DAY
Thursday 23rd July 2020	INSET DAY
Friday 24th July 2020	INSET DAY

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