



## Heathfield Infants Newsletter

### 100% Competition – Collect the Wristbands!

Our 100% Attendance has been a fantastic success, with most children receiving the first coloured wristband, **ORANGE**, for full attendance this week. For children who did not come home with a wristband today, they can still win this colour in the last week of term.



### Best Attendance

Best Attendance this week was achieved by Parakeet. Reception's best attendance was Robin. Well done to both of you.



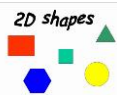
### What We Have Been Doing



This week in Nursery we have been introducing our new topic 'People Who Help Us'. The children have been thinking about all the people that help us in different ways and looked at some of the many things they do for us. We warmly welcome visits from parents to come in and talk to the children about their jobs as this really brings the topic alive. These have previously included a shop assistant, bus driver, postman, plumber, fishmonger, policeman, doctor and nurse, to name but a few. If you would be willing to spare 10 or 20 minutes to come and talk to the children about your job, we would love to hear from you.



This week the Reception children have had a super week back. They have looked at the story 'Horray for Fish' and have been thinking about creatures that live in the sea.



In maths they have been practicing the number bonds to 10, doubling, halving and describing 2D and 3D shapes. They are really excited about our trip to the Wetlands Centre next Friday. Please ensure your child wears sensible shoes for whatever the weather.

This week in Year 1 the classes found a mysterious bottle with a message and map inside. It was from Christopher Columbus. We found out about his past and the exciting adventures he went on. We wrote our own message back to him. We also made our own maps to show the route he had taken, and made these look old by using mud and coffee to stain them. We also had a drawing tutorial where we tried to draw one of his fifteenth century ships. We made up our own rhythmic sequences to words associated with Christopher Columbus.



You will see that our weekly homework has changed to a 'Look, Cover, Say, Write and Check' style. We will be giving the children common exception words from the year 1 and 2 lists. The aim of this is to help build their knowledge of reading and writing key words. Please practice these words with your child and spot them in the reading books we send home. We will be doing a spelling quiz later on this term. Next week the children in Year 1 will also be undertaking their national phonics screening test. This is something they are very used to and have had lots of practice at. We have sent home an additional letter with more details. Please make sure your child is in every day next week. If you do have any questions about this please come and speak to your child's class teacher.



Year 2 had a wonderful day at their trip to The Lookout Centre and we are so proud of how impeccable their behavior was. In English the children wrote fantastic recounts of their day and created minibeast posters using different resources.

