

Downs Infant School Newsletter

January 21st 2018

Last week the teachers and I had our own 'field trip'. We went to visit another infant school in the city to look at how they do things there. It was such a positive and exciting experience to spend time together reflecting on what we do well and what things we could change to do an even better job for our children. We all came back invigorated and with lots of ideas. As usual, the teachers here showed how committed they are to getting the best for the children at Downs Infants.

Dr Mitchell



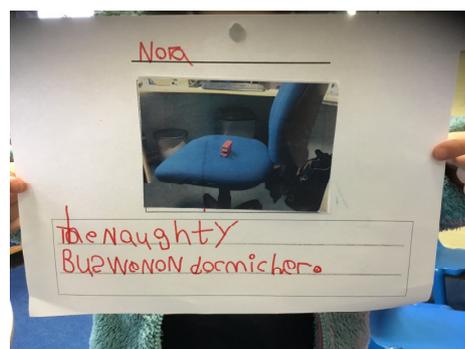
Learning Round Up

Reception had a visit from a real life bus driver this week as the naughty bus came to school and created havoc! It has been sneaking into offices, hiding in cupboards and generally getting up to no good! The children have enjoyed writing about his adventures.

In year 1 the Gingerbread Man, Goldilocks and the Wolf have been causing chaos as the classes have been learning and retelling

fairy tales. Some of their own versions have been very creative – the Ginger Ninja-man and a Star Wars version were brilliant.

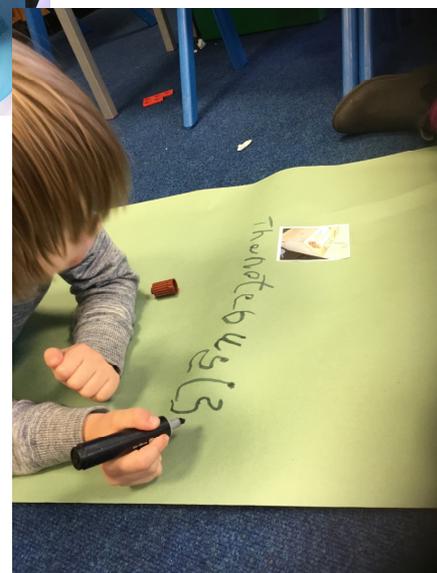
Year 2 have been writing dragon stories set in fantastic worlds as we head towards Chinese New Year.



Values Learning

We have continued learning about 'responsibility' this week, thinking about how rules and the laws in our country help keep people and property safe. We also thought about the responsibility we all have to protect the environment and the children were vocal in their support for reusing, recycling and taking care of the planet.

For more information about all our values go to <http://downsinf.schooljotter2.com/>



Dates for your diary (New/changed dates in red)

- 29 Jan Otters trip to Preston Manor
- 29 January E-safety talk for parents 2.30 in hall
- 31 Jan Squirrels trip to Preston Manor
- 1 Feb Hedgehogs trip to Preston Manor
- 2 Feb Badgers trip to Preston Manor
- 7 February Year 1 Victorian Day (Please speak to teachers if any questions)
- Monday 12 – Friday 16th February, Half Term
- 6 and 7 March Year 2 trips to Lewes Castle
- Lets Dance at the Dome 19 March
- 27 March CD recording – info to follow
- 30 March to 11 April – Easter Holiday, INSET
- 12 April (School closed to children)
- Parents Evenings 12 and 14th March

Poverty Proofing the School Day

Thank you to all parents who completed the questionnaire from the Poverty Proofing team. We have already started acting on some of their feedback and await their full report soon. This will help us ensure ALL children have a positive experience of school and that our most vulnerable children are supported to achieve their full potential in spite of their economic circumstances.

Don't forget we are on twitter @DownsInfants



This Week's Bench of Brilliance

Dolphin: Enzo and George F

Badger: Caitlyn and Jake

Turtle: Beatrix and Isaac

Hedgehog: Lydia and Jack

Starfish: Jesse and Eva

Owl: Matthew and Eden

Seahorse: Jayden and Luke

Kingfisher: Sylvie-Bell and India



Otter: Orla and Vega

Puffin: Imran and Kiya

Squirrel: Maya and Nora

Swallow: Leo and George

