



Hanging Heaton CE (VC) J&I School

Newsletter - November 2015

"This is a good school with a number of significant strengths" Ofsted 2011

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have really enjoyed our first half term in school and learned so much already! We hope that you enjoy reading about some of our experiences.

Our first half term at Hanging Heaton

In Class 1, some of us have just completed our first half term in 'big' school and what a lot we have learned. We have started to learn different letters and sound, counting using numbers up to 20, circle games, songs and new routines! We have also made lots of new friends.

We enjoy coming to school everyday.

NSPCC Visit to Classes 4 and 5

On the afternoons of Monday 21st and Monday 28th September, classes 4 and 5 were visited by Buddy from Childline. With assistance from the Childline staff, he taught us about abuse in all its forms. He helped us to understand more about keeping ourselves safe and who we can speak to if we are worried about anything. All of the children involved in the workshops demonstrated maturity and enjoyed taking part in the various activities.

Remember the magic number:

0800 1111!

Bikeability

On Tuesday the 20th and Wednesday the 21st of October, 21 children from Year 5 had a wonderful opportunity to further their skills and build confidence when riding a bike on today's roads. There are three Bikeability levels, with each level designed to help improve cycling skills, no matter what they know already. Once the children demonstrated they could balance and control their bikes in the playground, they moved on to developing on-road skills at Level 2. The children thoroughly enjoyed bringing their bikes to school and learning new ways to keep safe. They each received a certificate in recognition of their hard work.

Harvest Festival

Once again we had great fun at our Harvest celebrations. We also collected a huge amount of produce to help people who are not as fortunate as we are.

Class 1 shared their singing, Class 2 made a clever play on harvest words, Class 3 thought about what Harvest stands for, Class 4 performed a super version of the Parable of the Sower and Class 5 entertained us all with their sketch about a mouse version of a harvest.

Great fun for all and super singing too!

Railway Children Performance

During the first week back after the holidays, we were treated to a fabulous performance by the M and M Theatre Company of the classic story 'The Railway Children. by E. Nesbit. The hall was transformed into a theatre for the afternoon with wonderful scenery and props which really helped to bring the story to life for all of the different ages. The children were completely hooked throughout the show and enjoyed getting to know the characters through their captivating performance. Take a look at our display outside of Class 2 showing all of our work inspired by this memorable afternoon!

Our Trip through Fairytale Land...

On 19th October, 2015, the children and adults of Hanging Heaton J&I School took a special problem solving trip through Fairytale Land.

The children visited a range of stories or rhymes in order to solve problems faced by the characters.

At The 3 Billy Goats Gruff bridge we had to work together in teams to make sure we all got across the bridge safely and worked co-operatively to look after one another.

We also visited Humpty Dumpty's wall where we attempted to construct a safe, attractive and comfortable holder so that he wouldn't break when he was dropped. We had a 'smashing' time seeing whether our holders worked!

Near to the 3 Little Pig's home we had to construct a house that could withstand the huff and puff of the Big, Bad Wolf (otherwise known as Mrs Brooke-Mawson's trusty hairdryer!) - a task that was made extra tricky because we weren't allowed to use any sellotape!!

Finally, at Goldilock's home we had to solve a "Whodunnit" trying to work out from a range of clues exactly which of the characters had broken into her home.

During the day, we strengthened our thinking, problem solving, co-operation and social skills as well as having a super fun day and enjoying working with a range of people from different classes. Please enjoy looking at some of the photos from the event.

