

Class 1 Newsletter

February 2017

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to our fourth term in Class 1, we hope you had an enjoyable break. Mrs Heard and I have been dreaming about warmer weather and exotic holidays...thankfully Class 1 (and teachers) have been invited on...

'Paddington's Grand Tour of the World'



This is the title of our new topic, in which we will discover the continents and oceans in our world. We will be travelling by magic carpet so we will be spotting many famous landmarks along the way. We will also be looking at how different communities compare to our own and hopefully link with at least one other school from another country.

Our Science will focus on looking at weather, seasons and climates in other countries. We will also be doing some investigation work in Science.

Our art will be looking at colour mixing, artists and crafts from other countries. In DT we will be using sculpture and collage to create different landmarks and we will also look at food and cooking from around the world.

In Literacy we will be continuing with the Read, Write Inc phonics and reading programme. Our Literacy lessons will also link with our topic, using Paddington Bear stories but also stories from around the world, letter writing and poetry.

In Numeracy the main focus will be addition and subtraction using a number line, odd and even numbers, multiplication in practical contexts, money, halves and quarters and strengthening problem solving skills.

During R.E the children will be studying the unit 'People in Christianity', where they will be listening to stories and learning about people in Christianity.

Reading Books

We are really impressed with how hard the children are working on their reading at home. Please continue to encourage your children to change their reading book and read regularly at home.

Show and share

Due to the success of our 'Carnival of the Animals' scrap book that we compiled last term, we are going to do another one to do with our new 'Grand tour of the World' theme so please encourage your child to write down any facts about another country and we will stick them into the new book and share each week.

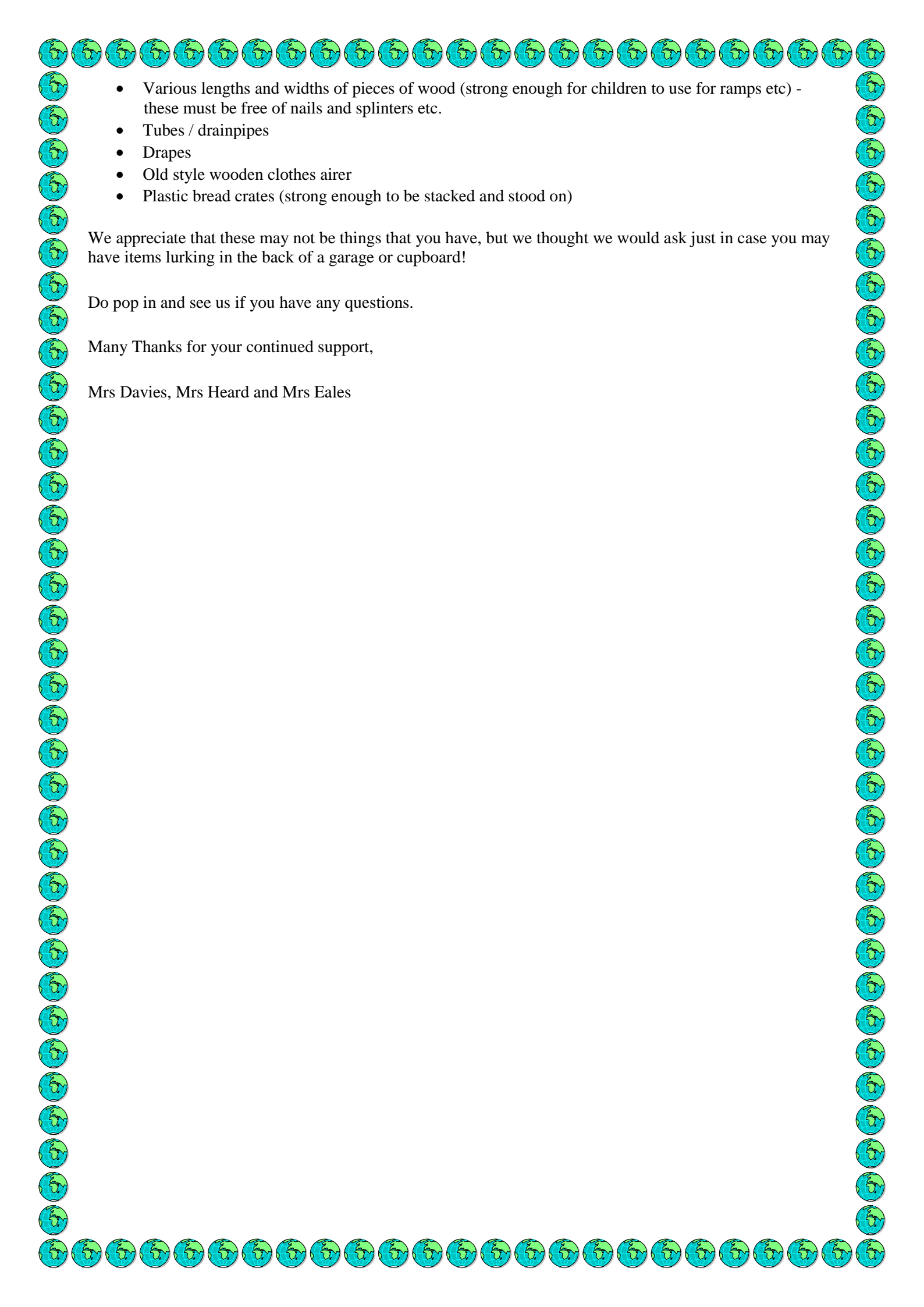
Class 1 Outside Area

You may wonder why the outside area is looking a little bare at the moment. We are actually in the process of changing the way that the area is used so that it can support all curriculum areas and encourage creative thinking and learning.

A new shed is on its way, this will contain many things that the children will use for construction, mathematical learning, writing opportunities, roleplay and art.

However, we are in need of a few things to make it work. If you have any of the following, or contacts who may be able to help us with the following, then please do let us know...

- Tyres (2/3)

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- Various lengths and widths of pieces of wood (strong enough for children to use for ramps etc) - these must be free of nails and splinters etc.
 - Tubes / drainpipes
 - Drapes
 - Old style wooden clothes airer
 - Plastic bread crates (strong enough to be stacked and stood on)

We appreciate that these may not be things that you have, but we thought we would ask just in case you may have items lurking in the back of a garage or cupboard!

Do pop in and see us if you have any questions.

Many Thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Davies, Mrs Heard and Mrs Eales