

WHALEY BRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

November, 2016

Dear All

We have had a busy and fun packed half term. Our focus has been on family life and the Large Family series of books by Jill Murphy has been our literary stimulus. We have had a lovely time getting to know the different characters and enjoyed their many adventures and misadventures. The children have drawn on their own experiences of family life when exploring the themes and issues raised in the books and developed their understanding and enjoyment through drama and role play activities linked to the text. We have attempted to link the Large Family and their antics to our literacy and numeracy wherever possible. It linked particularly well with our work this term on comparative language (big, bigger, the biggest etc!) and ordinal numbers. We are, at present, coming to the end of our work on Five Minutes' Peace and preparing to act out our own version of the story. This I will video and share with you.

This half term we shall be continuing with the same topic and extending it to include family pets and with this in mind Six Dinners Sid will be our new class book. We look forward to hearing about any animals your children have at home and would welcome your photos of them.

We are also going to be discussing the NSPCC's Underwear Rule in our PSHE lessons. We will introduce a range of ideas, all delivered in a way that is fully age-appropriate. Please see the attached letter about the programme.

As before, swimming will continue to be on Tuesdays and Fridays, so please ensure your child has their swimming kit on these days. PE kits need to be in school every day and we would also ask you to ensure that your child comes to school with suitable, warm outdoor clothing as our lessons are conducted outside whenever it is appropriate.

Thank you for all the work you continue to do to support us at home: reading regularly and practising spellings each week make such a difference. As always, please feel free to pop in to the ER anytime if you have any concerns or would like to talk to a member of the ER team.

Best wishes

Mrs Shone, Mrs Adams, Mrs Barnet, Miss Bush and Mrs Moorcroft.
(Enhanced Resource)

