



# John Ray Infant School

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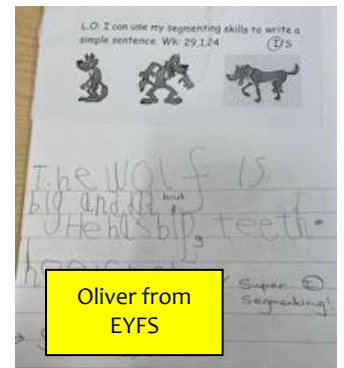
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Dear Parents/Carers,

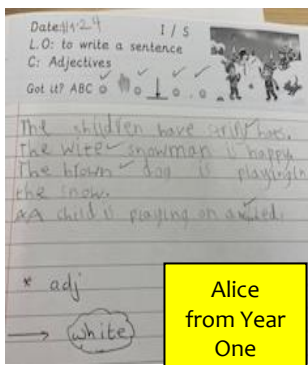
After what felt like the longest January ever then we have finally made it to February. When walking the dogs in the morning I have most definitely noticed it becoming lighter. I am really looking forward to the brighter evenings too.

In school then I continue to be impressed by the progress the children are making and their attitudes to their learning. Along with other members of the leadership team then I have been focusing attention on English over the last few weeks.

Both Mrs Turner and I have watched phonics teaching across EYFS this week and I can not believe how well they are doing with, not only learning the sounds, but also their blending and segmenting. Children could explain confidently what a 'digraph' and 'trigraph' were and were decoding some really long words with real enthusiasm. Thank you for your support in practising this at home within their reading books.



Oliver from EYFS

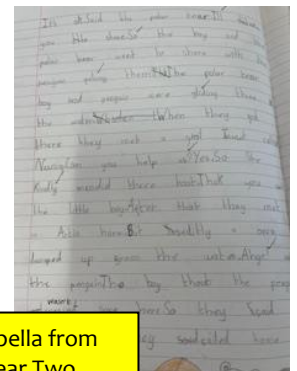
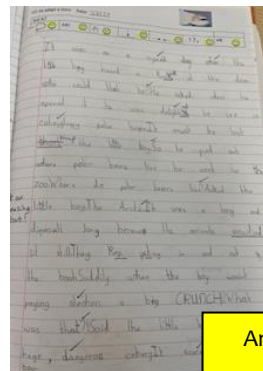


Alice from Year One

stamina  
different punctuation

Mrs Nash has popped in to see the Year One classes and was also impressed with how many phonemes the children now know for each grapheme. They are beginning to use these in both their reading and their sentence writing.

Year two produced some amazing story writing last week. Mrs Cleary and I loved watching them turn their plans into actual stories. It is great to see them showing more and using some great noun phrases, and adjectives to keep the reader interested.



Arabella from Year Two



Nursery

Nursery were proud to show me the work they have been doing on Traditional Tales. They also demonstrated some nursery rhymes and found it hilarious to show how they have been changing the words to 'silly versions'. I loved the trolls they have made to go alongside 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'.

The children have continued to learn 'One in a Million' this week in singing assembly. If they can practise at home along with 'swaying and clicking' that would be brilliant!

[One and a million | Sing Up](#)

Have a fantastic weekend,

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Mrs Christian  
Headteacher

