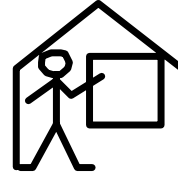


January 29<sup>th</sup> 2010



Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Science Day**

We had our science day yesterday when Zoo Lab came to visit as well as classes focussing on science based activities. Everyone had an enjoyable day and there will be photographs in next weeks Friday letter.



### **MFL Week**

Next week is our MFL Week in school where we will be learning some German songs, investigating Germany and eating German food. Some of the children have already been learning the songs in preparation for this week.



### **IEP Week**

The week beginning February 8<sup>th</sup> is our IEP Assessment week for those pupils who are not having their annual review this term. Your son / daughters class teacher will be in contact with you to arrange an appointment at a mutually convenient time to discuss your son / daughter's progress in meeting the targets last set and to set new ones.



### Key Stage 4 and Post 16 - Sport and Recreation Group Go Snowboarding!



Last Thursday a group of students from Key Stage 4 and Post 16 went to the Xscape Centre and had their first experience of snowboarding. This is to support the work they have been doing on their Asdan Sport and Recreation module. They all had a wonderful time even though it was cold and very hard work!



### LITERACY REVIEW

Currently the school is undertaking a review of the Literacy curriculum. This includes communication skills (called "Speaking and Listening" in the National Curriculum) as well as developing skills which lead to reading and writing. All the classes have been observed during their Literacy lessons. The review has shown what exciting and worthwhile lessons take place for all the children across the school.

At The Redway School, we place a very high value on developing the skills for children to effectively communicate with others. This may mean facial expression and body language or sounds and words. Some children use signing, pointing to photographs or symbols or voice output devices to communicate. The Speech and Language Therapy department staff work in the classroom to help children develop their communication skills in real situations.

In these photographs the children in Daffodils are having fun with "slime" and "gloop" but they are also learning how to express themselves with words and signs when they do not like that "yucky" feeling.



We also love telling stories and some of the most exciting lessons involve story telling through sensory experiences and actions. Chestnuts class have been enjoying Roald Dahl's version of Jack and the Beanstalk which was presented as a pantomime.

Children also enjoy activities where they can start to write messages. Initially this may be as simple as drawing a kiss in a Christmas card to the family, but to the child it conveys an important message. Children progress to writing about their drawings and to useful activities like making a shopping list..

Don't forget the school runs regular signing classes for parents. Please contact Ann Miles if you are interested.



Jasmine was fascinated by the slimy toy but she did not want to touch it for too long.



Charlie Ann said yuck as she investigated this slimy mix of soapflakes and water.



Megan is getting to grips with holding a pencil to colour in her favourite pictures.

#### **School Uniform**

Please remember that all orders for school uniform are to be sent to Jen at Reception. An up to date uniform price list is attached for you.

Have an enjoyable weekend everyone

Ruth