



# Fern Class News

## Spring Term 1 2024

Dear parents and carers,  
 Welcome back everyone and Happy New Year! We hope that you have all enjoyed the holidays and are ready for another busy and exciting time in Fern Class. We were so proud of the all of the children last term. They worked really hard and they impressed us with their enthusiasm for everything that we do. It was fantastic to see how much they enjoyed performing in our Christmas production and it was brilliant to see how much progress they made during the term.

Thank you so much for all of our very generous and kind Christmas gifts. We loved them all!

We are really excited about all of our new topics for this half term. We will be continuing to see if children can also recall their knowledge about the continents and the oceans. The children love these songs if you would like to copy these links to sing them at home.

**The Seven Continents Song:**  
<https://youtu.be/PzqdDdxr9VI>



**The Five Oceans Song:**  
<https://youtu.be/X6BE4VcYngQ>



### Times Tables:

This half term, the children will be bringing home some multiplication tables to learn. The children will need to remember them out of sequence and will have to recall the facts quickly. In Year 2, the requirement is for children to learn their 2s, 5s, 10s and we learn the 3s as children have to be able to count in 3s. The expectation is that children will know these multiplication and related division facts inside out so that they are embedded. Knowing these facts in depth is so important for when the children move on to Key Stage 2.



We continue to host Miss Hawkes, our student teacher from Northumbria University. Miss Hawkes is about to begin the assessed part of her placement and this half term, she will be teaching up to 50% of our timetable, under my guidance and advice. Miss Hawkes will be with us until the 15th March 2024.

### Reading:

We are really pleased that the children in Fern Class relish listening to stories and are enjoying reading independently. Vocabulary is a big part of the National Curriculum for reading and we have been working on developing children's understanding of more difficult words. The children have been enjoying discussing the meanings of these words and are starting to use more challenging vocabulary in their own writing.

As always, please come and see us if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you

Miss Bommel and Mrs Jennings