

17 January 2020

Headteacher: Mr Paul Henery

### Message from Mr Henery

Dear Parents,

I am writing to inform you that after 16 extremely rewarding and enjoyable years of teaching at Acle Primary School (including 11 years as Headteacher) I will be retiring from my current post at the end of the academic year.

I feel extremely privileged to have been part of the education and overall development of our pupils at Acle Primary and to have worked with so many wonderfully talented and dedicated staff members at the school during this time. I know that I will greatly miss all those "Wow!" moments which are part of everyday life, here at Acle Primary, teaching and supporting our amazing young people.

The governors will now be starting the process of recruiting a new Headteacher for September, with the guidance and support of both the Diocese and the Local Authority. I will, of course, do all I can (working alongside staff and governors) to support a smooth and successful transition during this time of change for the school

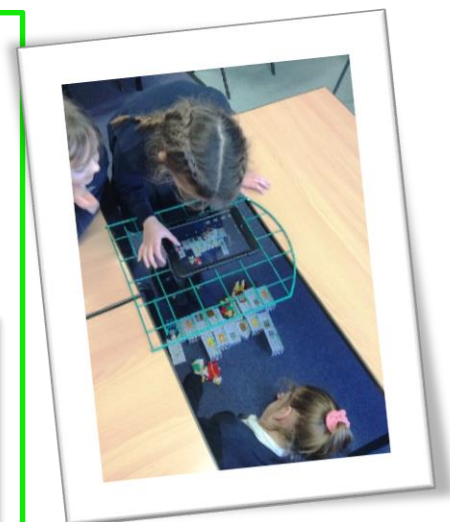
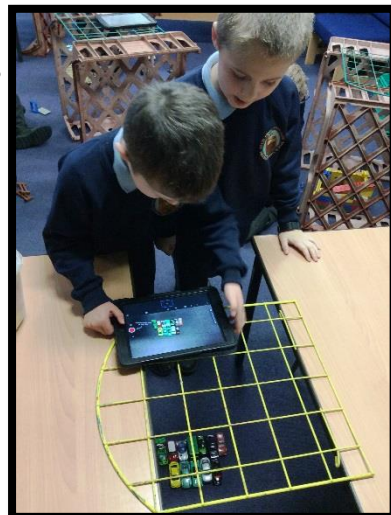
Yours sincerely,

*Paul Henery*

### Curriculum news

Year 2 have been learning to use the iPads to produce simple animations, using 'Stop Motion'. They learnt all the key skills very quickly, this week, experimenting with different types of objects to create their mini practice animations. Now they will go on to produce a longer animation project linked to their topic work based on the Battle of Hastings!

Here they are, learning to use the iPads to generate their animation images:



### ATTENDANCE

Our target school attendance figure is 97%

Our current figure is...

**96.27%**

## Collective Worship / Values

Our value which we will be looking at in detail this half term, during collective worship times in the hall and during reflection sessions back in class, is 'Justice'.

Pupils this week helped plan our assembly, called "That's not fair!", based on the parable of the vineyard, acting it out as well as getting the children to think about how they could or should react if they feel something is not fair. They also read out an acrostic poem about justice, which we will explore over the course of the next few weeks:

Justice is:

- J**udging what is right
- U**nderstanding what is fair
- S**tanding up for those who need help
- T**rying to listen to both sides
- I**nformed and wise decisions
- C**aring enough to take action
- E**qual opportunities for all



## Chinese New Year 中国新年

Reception have been learning about how Chinese New Year is celebrated. As part of this topic, we looked at a video of traditional Chinese dancing and dragon dancing. The children enjoyed working together to create a short sequence of movements using their fans.



## Trainee Teacher placement

Bradley Stannard, who is currently training to become a teacher at the UEA (PGCE Primary course), will be doing his teaching practice in Year 5 for the next few weeks, returning (in the Summer term) to complete his longer teaching practice with the same age group.

## Dates for your diary

January

Mon 20 Defenders club  
Wed 22 Multisports club

February

Mon 4 Defenders club  
Mon 4 &  
Tues 5 Cluster Poetry Festival  
Fri 7 FOSA Quiz & Chips

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