



St. Peter's Academy East Bridgford – Newsletter

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It makes a change that this week has been dry enough for the children to play outside and get some fresh air! On Tuesday, the field was both muddy and dangerous from the very cold temperatures overnight so cross country was yet again cancelled. It has now been decided that the club will re-start in the spring term when it is less likely to be cancelled so often. We will let you know when this begins again.

We had a fantastic day out at Sherwood Forest yesterday, the children loved it and their behaviour was exemplary! As well as orienteering, we enjoyed a walk through the forest to find the Major Oak. Our guide shared lots of information about Robin Hood with us and he was very impressed by how much the children knew already. A big thank you to our parent helpers - we are very grateful for your help. I will put some photographs onto our class page of the school website shortly.

In English this week, the children have enjoyed creating stick puppets of characters from the Robin Hood story. In groups, they have created and performed short sketches to the rest of the class. We have also written 'wanted' posters for Robin!

In science, we conducted an absorbency experiment to see which type of paper soaked up the most water - the kitchen paper was the winner!

Maths: Year 1 have revisited subtraction as breaking apart two numbers and using a part whole model to show this along with written calculations. They moved on to recognising fact families by rolling two numbers on a dice. From this, we drew it on a ten frame, showed it on a part whole model, wrote a sentence and finally 4 related calculations.

Year 2 children have been consolidating their understanding of the expanded column method for addition. They have also been counting on in multiples of 10 and in some cases 20 starting from any given number against a timer.

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, children in Year 1 and 2 have been asked to provide some festive musical entertainment during the annual Winter Bazaar which takes place on **Thursday 5th December after school**. We are hoping that most children will be attending anyway with their parents/carers. The plan is that the children will be met after school as normal to enjoy the Bazaar with you but we would like them to meet us in the **school hall at 5pm** ready to sing a few songs on stage. Children can bring a Santa hat or other festive headgear to wear during the performance. It should last no more than 10 -15 minutes. Your child can then continue to enjoy the Bazaar with you afterwards. A fantastic photo opportunity!

Homework:

All children in Year 2 should now have their words to learn for our forthcoming Nativity and are expected to learn these along with spellings and regular reading for the coming weeks.

Year 1: Regular reading and phonic practice along with an optional homework task of writing about an aspect of their visit to Sherwood Forest. Year 2 children can also do this if they wish.

Indoor P.E. will continue to take place every Tuesday and Friday up to Christmas.

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