



★ Newsletter ★

14th February 2025

Well, here we are at the end of yet another busy half term and we have certainly been busy once again! Your children have worked so hard and are certainly ready for a well-deserved half term break!

WOW! I cannot believe the creativity and excitement for The Great Fire of London – the children have showcased this brilliantly with their homework projects. They have really impressed us with their knowledge and creativeness! We want to say a huge thank you for your support with the homework project, your help has led to some truly incredible work. We have loved seeing the children's excitement in sharing them with the class. We are looking forward to displaying their work to share with the rest of the school.

In art, the children have experimented with line and mark making using sketching pencils. We have been exploring collagraphy, and the children have enjoyed designing their own tiles. We will printing these after half term. It has been lovely to see their concentration as they experimented with textures and patterns.

In geography work over the last couple of weeks, we have further developed our understanding of physical and human features in the United Kingdom. I would hope that your child would be able to tell you the difference between the two and describe some features that they have learnt about.

In science, we have looked at the four seasons in more detail, resulting in some wonderful 'tree cycle' work where the children were required to draw the same tree, showing how it would change in appearance over the year. They have looked at how the seasons effect different animals. We have also discussed the difference between evergreen and deciduous trees.

English:

As well as phonics/spelling, handwriting and reading comprehensions, the children have loved creating their own inventing our own stories based on Monkey See, Monkey Do. The children's imaginations have run wild and we've met some fantastic characters—including Super Sneaky Squirrels, Mischievous Meerkats, and Playful Penguin,

who have been up to all sorts of mischief! This resulted in the most meeting tale adventure stories. The children are very proud of their work and rightly so!

Maths:

In Maths, we have been working hard on addition and subtraction. The children have begun to develop a strong understanding of different strategies to solve problems, and we have ended the unit with lots of reasoning and problem-solving activities. It has been great to see them applying their knowledge and explain their thinking. Our next unit will focus around multiplication and division. Practice of counting up in 2s, 5s and 10s at speed would really help the children.

Reading:

Please continue to encourage your child to read at least three times a week and continue to sign it in the diary—I really appreciate your support with this. As always, I am happy for children to read their own books from home or the library if they wish to, but it is important that any reading is still recorded in their diary so that the children are able to earn their new book marks later in the year — thank you! Information has been sent home about this and you can more in the Headteacher newsletter. I will continue to be checking diaries every Friday and will award stickers as a reward for regular reading. If books need changing in between book change day, they will need to let me know and I can organise an extra book.

Additional Information:

- P.E. — Children will still need an indoor kit for Wednesday and Friday sessions.
- Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th February — Overnight residential visit for Year 2 to Beaumanor Hall. Further information will be sent out later this term. Please feel free to see me with any questions.
- Parents' Evenings — Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th March.

Have a fantastic half term break!

Miss Fisher 😊