



★ Newsletter ★

17th January 2025

Happy New Year To You All!

It feels so long ago but I hope you all had a lovely Christmas. Your children have returned to school full of exciting news about their Christmas and New Year celebrations. I have really enjoyed listening to and reading all about their Christmas holiday. It sounds like there are some extremely lucky children in our class!!

We have a busy but quite short Spring term ahead with lots of new learning and exciting activities to pack into the next weeks. Our new driver topic for this term is geography based and is called 'Bright Lights, Big City'. This topic will teach children about the physical and human features of settlements across the United Kingdom, including London. This also includes the Great Fire of London. Please see our letter attached for Take Care Homework linked to the fire. This will be celebrated by us all on Friday 14th February.

In science, we will be building on previous knowledge through our topic named 'Seasonal Changes'. The children will develop their knowledge about weather and the seasons. They will also use weather as an inspiration within our art top.

In R.E. our focus is 'The Gospel and the Good News Jesus brings' and we will begin by learning about the qualities Jesus had and how we can share these to become better people. The final few weeks of learning will lead into the Easter story.

In addition to these learning areas, we will also enjoy sessions of IT, Music and P.E. — all in all, rather a busy term ahead!! Please note that PE is indoor for the whole term. We have gymnastics on Wednesday and key skills with Gordon on a Friday. The children need only shorts and a t shirt.

Maths:

We have been working incredibly hard in maths since returning to school. Our topic is Addition and Subtraction. They have been learning how to add and subtract 1s at speed, add to the next 10 and add across a 10. We've also focused on subtracting to and from 10, helping the children build strong number

skills to allow the to solve problems. Please continue to practise these facts and related facts at home. The children love using Hit the Button on TopMarks.

English:

In our Talk for Writing sessions, we are exploring how to write instructions. We started by looking at how to make the perfect bowl of porridge. The children thoroughly enjoyed following the steps to make porridge and discussing their favourite toppings. Nutella and honey were firm favourites, and the activity inspired some fantastic writing about creating the perfect bowl.

Reading:

Please continue to encourage your child to read at least three times a week and continue to sign it in the diary pages of their planner – I really appreciate your support with this. I will continue to be checking diaries every Friday and will award stickers as a reward for regular reading.

Additional Information:

- P.E. – Children will still require an indoor kit for Wednesday and Friday sessions
- Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th – Overnight residential visit for year 2 to Beaumanor Hall – Further information will be sent out later this term. Please come and see me with any questions about this.

Have a great weekend!

Miss Fisher 😊