

It's been another two weeks of busy and exciting times in our class! We are moving swiftly towards the end of the spring term and the children are now getting very excited about their forthcoming visit to Beaumanor Hall! It was lovely to chat with you this week at parent's evening and I hope that you are all proud of your children. They have worked extremely hard since Christmas and this is clearly evident in their books.

Science week was a hit in our class. The children loved it. We have created our own rockets and tried to send them to the moon. We also looked at how we can measure the strength and direction of the wind with our very own wind socks.

In R.E. we've been learning about the Easter story. The children have learnt about Jesus's special friends and how Christians believe that he died to make our life better.

We are now well into our design and technology topic named 'Taxi' and the children are loving it! So far, we have looked at lots of examples of moving vehicles, identifying the key vocabulary – axle, wheel and chassis on each one. From this, the children have also planned their own model of a London black taxi cab. We will be creating these over the next few weeks.

We cannot believe that Beaumanor is next week. Your children are very excited about the visit. Please ensure that they have their name in all of their clothing and they know what is packed for them. If possible, pack with your child and practise putting the sleeping bag away.

#### Beaumanor Hall Reminders:

# YEAR 2

- ➤ The children DO NOT require a packed lunch from home. All food is included in the cost of the visit. The children have already chosen their sandwich choices for both days.
- Children should arrive at school at the usual time on departure day and can bring their luggage and sleeping bag into the classroom.

- If you have mentioned on the EV4 form that your child requires medication of any kind, please label this clearly and it should be handed to a member of staff. Please note that we will take asthma inhalers from our class medical bag for those children who have them in school.
- ➤ If you have stated that your child has a tendency to wet the bed at night, please pack appropriate pull ups/py jama pants in your child's bag and we will deal with this discreetly at bedtime and the following morning.
- ▶ We will be spending lots of time outside so warm, outdoor clothing is advised on the kit list.

# YEAR I

- We will be spending lots of time outside so warm, outdoor clothing is advised. Track suits, long sleeved t-shirt, comfortable trousers and jumpers are essential. Suitable footwear, eg. a sturdy trainer, walking boot or wellington. Warm, waterproof coat, hat and gloves if cold.
- > Children will **need** to bring their lunch. A named packed lunch in a rucksack or lunch bag.
- > We will be returning to school by the end of the normal school day.

### <u>Maths:</u>

We are loving our unit of multiplication and division. The children have clearly been practising these at home, We have work through our unit with lots of activities using the 2, 5 and 10 facts where we know that division is the inverse and how this is linked to multiplication.

# English:

In English, we have started a unit of work on poetry. So far, we have spent time looking at different poems about the weather which links to our science work. We then spent time performing a range of poems out loud to the rest of the class, thinking about how our performance could be improved with the addition of a loud, clear and expressive voice and even some hand actions to make sound effects like the weather! Last week, the children have been writing our very own weather poems based on an example created by Langston Hughes. They were fantastic! This week we have also been learning the skills to pick out information from reading a text. The children have read a variety of comprehensions, and I am very pleased see how they are using these inference skills already.

### Additional Information:

- ▶ P.E. Indoor kit for Wednesday and Friday
- $\blacktriangleright$  Overnight residential visit to Beaumanor Hall Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th March

En joy the sunny weekend!

Miss Fisher 😊