



★ Newsletter ★

31st January 2025

We are getting closer to our Beaumanor Hall day visit and residential, and the children are very excited! The recent 'question and answer' session worked well, and it seems to have addressed most of the children's worries. Year 2 parents should have received additional information. Please feel free to come and see us if you have any questions.

The children are continuing to enjoy their learning across different subjects. On Wednesday afternoon, we were lucky to work with Jenny and Susan from Life Education. They delivered a fantastic session about feelings and how to take care of our bodies. Alongside Gerald the puppet, the children learned how to keep their bodies healthy through good food choices, rest, and exercise. We discussed how this also supports mental health.

In Science, we have been learning about the changing seasons. The children now understand how both the weather and seasons change throughout the year. We've also focused on the difference between evergreen and deciduous trees.

For Geography, we have been exploring different types of settlements, focusing on what makes a city. The children have enjoyed looking at satellite images to compare villages, towns, and cities. We will also explore human and physical features, and soon the children will be able to identify and explain the differences between the two.

In Art, our topic 'Rain and Sunrays' is progressing well. We've been exploring different shapes, patterns, and lines, and the children have practiced shading techniques using a range of pencils.

In Music, we have been listening to various songs and classical pieces to compare tempo. The children have also enjoyed moving to the music in different ways to find the pulse and rhythm.

The children continue to enjoy their indoor P.E. sessions with Gordon on Friday mornings and gymnastics on Wednesdays. Both sessions are indoors this term, so children just need trainers, shorts, and a t-shirt. If your

child wears tights as part of their uniform, please ensure they have a spare pair of socks for P.E. sessions—thank you!

Maths:

We have been working hard on our addition and subtraction unit. The children are showing excellent progress with both their practical understanding and independent learning in their books. Both year groups have been working on adding two-digit numbers without crossing the boundary of ten, and challenging themselves to recognize number bonds that go over ten. Next week, we will focus on subtraction. We are also enjoying daily arithmetic challenges, usually against a timer! The children love the competitive aspect of trying to beat their previous scores.

English:

Last week, we completed our unit on instructions, and all I can say is WOW! The children designed their own knickerbocker glory ice creams filled with delicious ingredients, showcasing everything they had learned by writing an independent piece. I have also been really impressed with their efforts in our current 'Talk for Writing' unit, based on the Indian story "Monkey See – Monkey Do!" So far, we have focused on learning the story, doing drama activities, drawing story maps, and understanding new vocabulary. We have also been focusing on handwriting recently, and the children are working hard to maintain a good pencil grip and posture.

Additional Information:

- P.E. – Children will still need an indoor kit for Wednesday and Friday sessions.
- Miss Fisher out of the classroom: Tuesday 4th February, Tuesday 11th February PM, Thursday 16th February PM.
- 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 great weekend!

Miss Fisher 😊