



★ Newsletter ★

13th January 2023

Happy New Year to you all!

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas. Thank you once again for your thoughtfulness and generosity – very kind of you!

It was so lovely to see your children again last week! They returned to school full of exciting news about their Christmas and New Year celebrations. It sounds like there are some extremely lucky children in our class!!

A new term brings a new topic! Our main topic for the whole of the spring term is called 'Bright Lights, Big City'. This project teaches children about the physical and human characteristics of the United Kingdom, including a detailed exploration of the characteristics and features of the capital city, London. After half term, we will then focus on the cause and effects of the great fire of London. Every child should now have a homework book for this term and on the inside cover, there is a grid of topic related activities that they might like to do at home from time to time. Homework is always optional and I do understand that the children lead busy lives out of school but any homework that they do complete can be brought into school on a Friday morning to share with me and the rest of the class.

In science, we will be observing and recording weather patterns and seasonal changes and in art, explore line, shade and texture through printing. The children enjoyed learning and recognising different seasons and loved creating their weather motifs this week.

In music we will listening to some different styles of music such as jazz, folklore and blues rhythms as part of our music curriculum.

Beaumanor Hall

Thank you for returning the permission slips for the day trip and our residential in March. More detailed information including a kit list for year 2 will be sent out nearer the time.

Maths:

Last week, the children enjoyed created 3D out of cocktail sticks and sweets. From this they recongised 2D shapes, edges, faces and vertices. Year one have now moved onto the next unit of place value where we have been practsing counting forwards and backwards and showing numbers in a variety of ways. In year two, we have now moved on to money, which builds on previous work covered in Year 1. So far, we have worked on coin values and note recognition as well as counting various amounts of money in both pounds and pence.

English:

Our new text for this half term is 'Katie in London' by James Mayhew. This fits in well with our main topic as the story is about an adventure in London and all of its famous landmarks. So far we have enjoyed predicting what might happen, creating a new front cover and sequencing the order of the story.

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. It is important that any reading is still recorded in their diary so that the children are able to earn their gold and platinum reading certificates later in the year – thank you! 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 your book change day, they will need to let me know and I can organise an extra book.

Additional Information:

- P.E. – Children will require an indoor kit for Monday and Friday sessions (we now have P.E. with Gordon on a Friday)
- 8th February PTA disco
- 20th February – Great Fire of London Day
- Wednesday 29th March – Thursday 30th March – Year 2 overnight residential visit to Beaumanor Hall

Have a great weekend!

Miss Fisher