



★ Newsletter ★

2nd February 2024

We are getting closer to our Beaumanor day visit and residential now and the children seem very excited about it all! I think the 'question and answer' session worked well and this does seem to have addressed most of the worries. Year 2 parents should have received additional information. Please come and see us if you have any questions.

Your children are continuing to enjoy all of the different areas of learning. On Monday morning we were lucky enough to work alongside Ellie from the Perform Drama Company. She delivered a fantastic session about searching for a horse with a golden mane in the Wild West! The session was very enjoyable and every child participated brilliantly – she was very impressed with our listening skills and behaviour too! The children brought home a leaflet earlier this week with information about the weekly drama classes held in both Bingham and West Bridgford after school. We have also had Jenny from SCARF Life Skills in this week. Alongside Gerald the puppet, the children learnt about how to keep our bodies healthy through good food choices, rest and exercise. We discussed that this will also help our mental health.

In Science, we have enjoyed watching our cress seeds grow and change in different conditions. As predicted in our initial investigation experiment, the cress seeds that were kept in the dark were very slow to germinate and those in the light grew at a much faster, healthier rate.

For our work in Geography, we have continued to look at a range of maps that use symbols and a key. We have now looked at both human and physical features of a coastal town and the children should be able to recognise and explain the differences between the two.

In art, our topic 'Flower Head' is progressing well. We have looked at a variety of close up and real life plants and flowers, noting the shape, pattern, texture and form. The children enjoyed creating flower collages using different textures of paper along with creating their own 3D flowers using coloured modelling clay.

The children are continuing to enjoy their work on the school laptops in IT sessions. Using Purple Mash they have created their own avatars and are now working on some coding activities.

In music, we have listened to a variety of songs and classical pieces of music to compare tempo. The children have also enjoyed moving to the music in different ways to find the pulse and rhythm.

The children are continuing to enjoy their outdoor P.E. sessions with Josh on Friday mornings, although bad weather has caused the occasional cancellation. I would strongly recommend that you send long jogging bottoms and a warm top for these sessions if you have not already done so as it can be very cold. Also, children who are wearing tights as part of their uniform, need a spare pair of socks to change into for P.E. sessions – thank you!

Maths:

Year one have now come to the end of their unit on place value. I have been so impressed with their understanding and application of this unit. The children have built numbers using 10 sticks and one cubes, looked at one more/one less, ordered numbers and compared these using inequality signs.

For year two, we are coming to the end of our unit of work on money. As well as coin and note recognition, the children have made amounts of money, finding as many different ways as possible. We have also been solving one and two step problems, working out how much change would be given. This area of learning will be revisited each year as the children move up the school.

Both year groups are also enjoying a variety of daily challenges in our arithmetic sessions – usually against a timer! The children love the competitive nature of beating their previous scores.

English:

I have been really pleased with the children's efforts in our current 'Talk for Writing' unit which has been based around the story of Little Red Riding Hood. We have written short pieces of descriptive writing based around a picture of the woods, along with a revised version of the story using different characters, settings and outcomes. Our next unit (after half term) will be non-fiction writing based around writing different sets of instructions. We have also been focusing on handwriting just lately and the children are working hard to maintain a good pencil grip and posture.

Additional Information:

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- P.E. – Children will require an indoor kit for Thursday sessions and an outdoor kit for Friday mornings.
- RNLI visiting speaker – Monday 4th March (pm)
- Overnight residential visit to Beaumanor Hall – Wednesday 13th/Thursday 14th March. Further information will be sent out later this term.
- Parents' evenings – Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st March

Have a great half term and I look forward to welcoming your children back on Monday 19th February.

Miss Fisher 😊