



★ Newsletter ★

2nd December 2022

Can you believe that we are now in December? The time really is flying by and we have now moved into the most exciting time of the year for your children! It was so lovely to see most of you last week at our parents' evenings – a lovely opportunity to meet many of you for the first time! Thank you so much for your kind comments. The children certainly should feel proud of themselves and they really enjoyed reading the lovely feedback that you wrote for them.

We enjoyed a fantastic visit to Sudbury Hall last Tuesday. The whole experience was perfect for our children, building on their knowledge of toys both old and new. Our leader was highly impressed with how much the children knew and were able to contribute to the various sessions across the day, answering and asking sensible questions. He also commented on how calm, well behaved and engaged the children were for their age. A huge thank you to Nicola Turner-Haslam and Sarah Buckley for their valued help and company – we couldn't have managed without you!

We have been really busy preparing for our forthcoming Nativity 'Christmas with the Aliens' which will be performed on the afternoon of Wednesday 7th December at 2pm. This week, we have managed to get the children on stage so that they get a sense of performing. Once costumes have been organised, there will be a dress rehearsal for the Key Stage 2 before the big event on the 7th! School will be providing most of the costumes for Year 2. We will contact you if anything may be needed from home.

We enjoyed a PHSE session on a afternoon last week with a lady called Jenny. The children spent time learning about their emotions and different types of exercise. They were also interested to learn about how different organs of the body work. This session of course linked in beautifully with our current science topic which focusses on our bodies and the five senses.

In the little spare time that we have, the children have enjoyed Santa Tracker! This has a wonderful range of games to explore. <https://santatracker.google.com/>

Maths:

Our unit of work on addition and subtraction is continuing to progress well.

Year one have been looking at the concept of taking away and the relationship with addition. The children understood that if something was taken away then it would mean we have less than the number we started with. We have looked at this practically and have looked at how we can draw objects to represent the number sentence. We are beginning to be able to record our number sentences in a variety of ways.

The year 2 children have looked at using their number bonds to 10 to help their addition and subtraction methods. The children have used practical resources, number lines and mental application to solve a variety of one and two step subtraction problems. We have also spent time explaining how we worked out our answers using our verbal reasoning skills. Many of you asked if there was anything you could help with at home – If you have a spare few minutes, I would recommend playing games (this could be on a car journey, walking to school, in the bath etc) counting backwards and forwards in tens (starting at different numbers and realising that the last digit remains the same) counting in 2s, 5s and 3s. Number bonds to ten and the relationship with number bonds to 100.

English:

In addition to spelling. Reading comprehensions, grammar and handwriting, we have enjoyed writing our autobiography. We learnt that an autobiography is an account of a persons life written by that person. We listened to an example of a little boy called William and then had a go at writing our own introduction. As a class we thought really carefully about key facts about ourselves and significant events that have happened.

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:

Year 2 -You should, by now have received information about our overnight residential visit to Beaumanor Hall at the end of March. (Wednesday 29th – Thursday 30th)

- P.E. – Children will require an indoor kit for Monday sessions and a warm outdoor kit for Friday mornings.
- Wednesday 7th December – Nativity 2pm in the school hall.
- Friday 9th December – trip to the pantomime.
- Wednesday 14th December – Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day!
- Thursday 15th December – Key Stage 1 Christmas party (afternoon)

Have a great weekend!

Miss Fisher