

End of Term Newsletter

9th December

This has been the busiest couple of weeks yet!! I hope you enjoyed our performance of 'I'm Gonna Shine' yesterday. We were so proud of every single child – they worked so hard to learn the words to all the songs and their individual parts. They really rose to the occasion with such confidence. Thank you so much for all your kind comments! I have attached a photo at the bottom. This only includes children who have permissions for their photo to go onto the website. If you would like your child to have their photo on the website, please contact Mrs Gilmour in the School Office and she will amend this.

This morning was the most exciting day ever with a visit to Newark theatre to watch a wonderful performance of Snow White followed by a picnic lunch back at school – thank you to our parent helpers for accompanying us to the pantomime. All of our children had a lovely time – a real treat to watch others working hard on stage after all of the efforts of our own nativity performance.

Maths:

Around all of our nativity practice, we have work hard on our fluency of number facts along with our unit of work on addition and subtraction. All children have been completing Big Maths Beat That and their scores are progressing very well. Here is an example:

Year 1

Name: _____

Year 1 - 30 seconds

BIG MATHS... BEAT THAT!

My 'Beat That' score was... 17

9 + 9 =	8 + 8 =	2 + 8 =
3 + 7 =	6 + 2 =	6 + 6 =
5 + 2 =	7 + 7 =	7 + 2 =
6 + 3 =	4 + 3 =	1 + 9 =
9 + 2 =	5 + 5 =	4 + 2 =
4 + 6 =		5 + 3 =

Y1 1

Year 2

Name: _____


Year 2 - 90 seconds

BIG MATHS... BEAT THAT!

My 'Beat That' score was... 40

4+9=	7x5=	6+7=	8+9=	4+7=
3x5=	7+8=	8x5=	9x10=	6x10=
9x2=	5x5=	5+9=	5+8=	5+7=
6+9=	5x10=	2x2=	3+9=	4x5=
9x5=	8x2=	4x10=	2x5=	6+8=
2x10=	7x10=	7+9=	7x2=	8x10=
6x2=	4x2=	3x2=	5x2=	6x5=
5+4=	3x10=	3+8=	5+6=	4+8=

Y2 1



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 steps of 2s, 5s and 3s. Number bonds to ten and the relationship with number bonds to 100. There is also an excellent free app which you may already be familiar with – there is a wealth of age-appropriate maths games on here which the children love! You can find it here: [topmarks](#)

English:

In addition to spelling, reading comprehensions, grammar and handwriting, we have enjoyed learning the story of 'The Papaya That Spoke' The children have drawn story maps, acted out the story and even interviewed our very own papaya complete with facial features and an impressive head of yellow hair! From this, we have looked at vocabulary from the story as well as using alternative words for 'said'.

Year 2 Spelling:

I have been very pleased with how well the children have adapted to the routine of regular, weekly spelling tests and it is clear they have been supported and encouraged at home. The new lists for the first half of the spring term are already on my class page of the school website. I will also provide the children with a copy as well as the individual weekly list next term. The first test will take place on Thursday January 11th, 2024.

Other Information/dates:

- Tuesday December 12th – Christmas Dinner Day
- Wednesday December 13th – Christmas party
- Thursday December 14th – cooking experience (information already sent out)
- P.E. days will remain the same for all children next term.
- Year 2 Overnight residential at Beaumanor Hall - Wednesday March 13th/Thursday March 14th, 2024

If your child would like to bring a board game or playing cards from home to share with their friends, we intend to host a games morning on Tuesday 12th December. Please do not send games with lots of small parts or electronic devices. We also have a range of games in school for children to use.

As this is the final newsletter for this term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank so many of you for your support and kind comments this term – it has been very much appreciated! Newsletters are always available on the class page of the school website.

We are all so proud of how hard the children in Key Stage 1 have worked this term and they are certainly ready for a well-deserved break.

I would like to wish you all a restful and enjoyable Christmas holiday and look forward to welcoming your children back to school on Wednesday January 3rd, 2024.

Kind regards,

Miss Fisher

