



W/C 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear parents

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and feel refreshed and ready for the new term ahead. It has been fantastic to see the children back in school and ready to start the new term.

### A Great Start to the Term

We began the term with a lovely activity in Religious Education (RE). The children had the opportunity to act out a piece of good news, and they chose to focus on the birth of Jesus Christ. This sparked some wonderful discussions about how we celebrate significant events, like Easter, where eggs symbolize new life and hope, and one group made a show around the delivery of eggs with lots of rabbits on the scene! It was lovely to see the children engaging so creatively with these important themes.

### Our New Project: Exploring the United Kingdom

This term, we have embarked on an exciting new project all about the United Kingdom. The children will learn about the four countries that make up the UK: England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland. We will dive deeper into their unique cultures, landscapes, and capital cities. A particular focus will be on London, where we will explore its rich history, including the Great Fire of London. The children are already looking forward to discovering fascinating facts and stories!

### Maths:

In maths we have

Our focus will be on **counting within 20** and understanding the **place value** of numbers, specifically looking at the **tens** and **ones** in two-digit numbers. We have been looking at how place value helps children understand that the position of a digit in a number determines its value. In the unit we will be:

#### 1. Counting within 20:

- Recognizing numbers up to 20.
- Counting forwards and backwards from any number within 20.
- Understanding number patterns and sequences.

#### 2. Place Value (Tens and Ones):

- Breaking down numbers into tens and ones (e.g.,  $12 = 1 \text{ ten} + 2 \text{ ones}$ ).
- Using objects, drawings, or number blocks to visualize and represent numbers.

### English:

In our Talk for Writing sessions, we are exploring how to write instructions. We started by looking at how to make the perfect bowl of porridge. The children thoroughly enjoyed following the steps to make porridge and discussing their favourite toppings. Nutella and honey were firm favourites, and the activity inspired some fantastic writing about creating the perfect bowl.

Thank you for your continued support as we begin this term. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or need further information about our upcoming activities. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch. I am always around at the end of the day.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Morrell.