



Newsletter

17th January 2025

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:

Our focus has been on counting in 2s, doubling and halving. This supports the children's learning of the 2 times table. During our shape sessions we have been focusing on vertical lines of symmetry.

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. The children then moved on to innovating a different breakfast recipe, waffles and pancakes were firm favourites!

Spelling:

Each day, the children practise spellings as part of our Little Wandle scheme. We do not formally test children on a weekly test but the children apply the taught sounds at the end of each session e.g. if we have been learning the sound /sh/ and learning that this can be ssi or ci then we would ask the children to write words in their spelling books such as 'mission' or 'delicious' to see if they can apply it independently. If you would like to practise common exception words then these are available on our class page. We recommend you only practise a maximum of 3 at a time. Thank you 😊

PE:

A reminder that our Friday PE sessions are now outdoors, please make sure your child has appropriate clothing which will keep them warm (hoodies, fleeces, gloves, joggers etc)

Marshmallow:

Chloe enjoyed a very busy weekend with Marshmallow. Marshmallow watched Chloe during her swimming lesson and enjoyed sharing some cake when they got home. Chloe and Marshmallow practiced some Chinese writing. Apparently Marshmallow was very good at it! They enjoyed playing Uno, rollerblading and cycling together. Chloe and Marshmallow had a lovely time at Sunday school reading Roblox. Thank you Chloe.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We are always around at the end of the day.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Williams and Mrs Lewis