



★ Newsletter ★

28th January 2022

It was so lovely to see so many of you in school this week for our two nativity performances! I have to admit that although it seemed very strange to be rehearsing in January for a Christmas production, it was the correct decision as it meant that nearly all of our children were able to take part and all of their hard work since last November paid off! They were all amazing – we were so proud of every child. It must also have been lovely for you step into school again – it has been such a long time since many of you have been inside the building! Photographs of the children in their costumes can now be viewed on my class page of the school website.

Maths

In maths over the last couple of weeks we have been continuing to focus on money. We have compared larger amounts of money by adding up both coins and notes to find the greater amount. The children have then applied the correct symbol $<$, $>$ or $=$ to show their understanding. We have also worked on a number of real life word problems involving money along with finding totals and working out how much change would be needed. To complete the unit, the children worked through an assessment to check their understanding. We will move onto multiplication and division early next week.

English:

We have continued to base a lot of our written work on the short film 'Something Fishy'. The children collected a bank of nouns, descriptive adjectives and verbs from the text and then used these to create a wonderful description of the story setting. From this, they were able to edit and improve their work to produce some very pleasing results! In grammar, we have focused on applying the suffixes $-d$ and $-ed$ using root words from the narrative. The children are now writing in more 'grown up' books in preparation for their transition to Year 3 – I have been very pleased with how well they have adjusted to much narrower lines and a margin!

Homework:

As always, homework is optional but I am always really pleased to look at completed activities on a Friday when the children bring their homework book into school. The children are very proud of the work they complete and enjoy sharing it with their peers.

Thank you for supporting your child with their weekly spelling lists. The children are getting the hang of how this all works and I have been really impressed with how enthusiastic they are to learn their words. So far and there have been some very pleasing test scores. House points will be awarded to children if they manage to achieve full marks for three weeks in a row. The next challenge is for the children to retain what they have learnt with spelling and apply this knowledge to their everyday written work. As mentioned

previously, we spend half an hour each day working on spelling rules alongside paired/group reading and other related activities. I have included a revision week for the end of the Spring term (you will be informed of this on the next half termly list)

It is really important that children have their diaries in school on Fridays so that this process can run smoothly – thank you for your support with this.

I have attached some further maths homework this week to reinforce more of the learning related to money. Just as before, the questions become more challenging so I would suggest that your child completes the tasks that they feel most comfortable with. I now have a tray for children to place their completed maths homework into as their homework books are getting rather full! This also gives me the chance to look at it properly. From now on, maths homework can be returned on any day and placed in the homework tray for marking. Please let me know if accessing/printing homework from the email is a problem and I will provide a paper copy in future for you.

Reading:

Once again, thank you for supporting your child with their home reading and for encouraging them to read at least three times a week. As always, all children with three or more pieces of reading evidence in their diary, will receive a sticker and a house point for their efforts.

Additional Information:

- P.E. days will continue to be Tuesdays and Fridays (both indoor)
- Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th February – Parent meetings via Teams.
- Thursday 3rd to Friday 4th March – Year 2 overnight residential at Beaumanor Hall – information to follow very shortly.

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend,

Kind regards,

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