



# ★ Newsletter ★

28<sup>th</sup> January 2021

WOW what a start to the new school year. With myself having covid after the first week back and Miss Lancashire being poorly too, January seems to have whizzed by. It has been lovely having a full week with the children (well most of them!) and credit to them, yet again, for not being too phased by the somewhat disruptive start to 2022.

It has been a very exciting week with the performance for Nativity. The children worked so hard and we were so proud of them all. Their singing was beautiful and loud, their lines were in time, they sat brilliantly... the list could go on! We know it wasn't quite the December performance we hoped for but there was something magical about waiting for a time where you could come in and watch it live. We could see those eyes tearing up behind the masks! We are so sad for the children who didn't manage to be in the performance but we are sure they have got their sights set high on a part for next years' performance.

As always, we have been very busy when not performing for the nativity! The children completed a science assessment which they really enjoyed! We were really pleased with the outcome of this assessment as many of the questions were on topics we haven't yet covered. Lots of the children have excellent general knowledge, particularly about how to stay safe in the sun and about the diets of different animals. We have been enjoying our topic 'Coastline'. As well as finding out about different types of boats and ships, the children will also develop their knowledge of the very important work carried out by the RNLI, locate coastlines and ports on a map and study a significant historical individual – Captain James Cook (whose statue can be found in Whitby!) Last week, the children looked at a variety of different boats and vessels. From this, we challenged them to create one out of modelling clay! Their very creative results were super impressive.

We have been enjoying our sessions with Gordon for our indoor P.E. session with him. The children love all of the activities and we have been very proud of how well they listened and took all of his instructions on board. It has been great to watch them with their progress in balance, catching skills and team work!

## Maths:

The children have been looking at numbers to 20. They have been practising finding the missing number, partitioning numbers into tens and ones, identifying which number is greater, using the symbols <, > and =, finding one more and one less and ordering a set of three numbers. WOW is all I can say. They are developing such a good understanding of these foundations which is allowing us to challenge them with reasoning and problem solving.

## English:

For the past few weeks in English we have been looking at the story of Grace Darling. We started with our cold write of writing the adventure narrative and have since been working on some of the grammatical features when writing a personal narrative. Today we finished with our hot write and I was honestly so proud of all them. They were using language such as 'clinging', 'their lives depended on us', 'clambered', 'survivors'. The beauty of linking our text with the history side of things is that they now also know about the significance of Grace Darling as well as some key facts; her and her Daddy saved 9 people and they kept them safe for three days!

#### Homework:

After the success of the booklets, we would like your child to have a go at the next place value booklet. This is closely linked to the methods we have been using in class. We also sent out spellings for this term and would actively encourage you to keep re-visiting these with your child when time allows. We can already see that so many of them are doing an excellent job with these both in terms of their spellings and reading.

#### Reading:

WOW, so many children are managing at least 3 times a week. We have also started our new phonics scheme "Little Wandle" which also has a page for parents on their website - <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>.

#### Additional Information:

- P.E. days will be changing to a **Wednesday afternoon** (outside/indoors) and a Friday morning with Gordon. Please make sure the children have warm clothes as well as their indoor PE kit.
- Miss Lancashire's last day will be Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February
- We welcome Mrs Lewis officially on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February where she will be working alongside us both throughout the week. Mrs Lewis will be working Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. I will be continuing to work Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

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