



What Has Happened This Term?

This term has been another fantastic one, filled with the beautiful sound of children singing in the nativity- something we have not heard for quite a few years! We have been so proud of all the children, especially those who worked hard to learn lines, a dance or actions for the performances. Thank you to all those who came to watch and listen, you made it all worthwhile for the children as you gave them a real purpose. It is important to say a big well done and thank you to Miss Smith and Mrs Brown who worked hard to ensure the costumes and props were ready for action, Miss Lang who took the directing role and Miss Marshall-Clarke who focused on getting those songs to perfection. Memories forever for everyone involved, that and a few catchy songs!



Along with the nativity we are also really proud of how the Year 1 children have 'grown' this term- everyone has seen their attitudes to learning develop as they have settled into life in Key Stage 1- Year 2 children also have a lot to be thanked for this as they have provided excellent role models.

One of the stand out subjects this term has been history- the children have absolutely loved becoming historians, finding out so many facts about when and why the Great Fire of London started, why it spread so quickly and how it was finally stopped. They have used their knowledge in English to write diary entries, imagining what it must have been like to have lived in 1666 and seen the Great Fire. Our history lead teacher, Mrs Bown, has been so pleased with the knowledge they have been able to share with her- well done everyone!

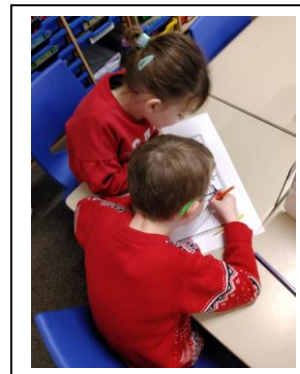


Read a Rainbow



This is going really well, with a couple of children reaching the end of the rainbow already! This means they have read 200 times, which is fantastic! How far is your child from moving to the next colour? If your child is on red or orange it would be really great if they could step up their reading at home- they could read to any adult, just remember to colour in the bookmark. Children should be reading at home daily.

In addition to reading their reading books children will continue to bring home a 'reading for pleasure' book to share with family members. We will be visiting our fantastic school library before the end of the Autumn term ready to change our reading corners in our classrooms. This is always a really special time for the children as they love the library and often have difficulty selecting books as so many great ones to choose.



We have lots more photos on our Year 1/2 section on the school website.

Pupil Voice

We value the views of all our children and thought it would be good to share some of the things they have said this term.

I feel safe in school, I know that the teachers will look after me.

There are lots of things in the classroom to help me learn, like tens frames and grow the code mats.

I know lots about the Great Fire of London- they had leather buckets to try to put the fire out.

Curriculum- What will the children be learning this term?



Year 2 will continue with multiplication and division before moving on to statistics then height and length, whilst Year 1 will be working developing addition to 20 and subtraction from 20 before moving on to focus on numbers to 50.



English- Fiction: 'Kassim and the Greedy Dragon' by Pie Corbett. A warning tale.

Non-fiction: 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Oliver Jeffers - Persuasion Toolkit

Science- Living things and their habitats
Building on knowledge gained in Autumn 1



Computing- Spreadsheets and presenting ideas

Geography- What is it like to live in West Hallam today?



Art and Design- Craft and design



PE- Indoor: Gymnastics-wide, narrow and curled
Outdoor: Locomotion- dodging

Earrings **MUST** be removed for safety reasons. If children come to school with them already removed this is even more helpful to your child. Tape is quite painful to remove!

Religion & Worldviews- How and how do we celebrate special and sacred times?
(Christian and Muslim)



Power and Identity- Developing an identity - Distinguishing between fantasy and reality - Exploring power with responsibility

PSHE- Dreams and Goals



Links to British Value of Mutual Respect, Civil Liberty and Tolerance.

Music- I Wanna Play In A Band
Genre: Rock

Club Information

Multi-sports club Thursday after school for Y1, 2 and 3 run by Miss Gavagan. Details to be sent home in the new year.

Tuesday: Year 1 & 2 Zumba club

Wednesday: Years 1 - 4 mindfulness artwork club with Miss Dexter and Mrs Bull after school

Thursday: Zumba Y1 and 2 with Miss Dexter and Mrs Bull after school

AM Sports will be running Dodgeball on Tuesdays for Y1/2/3 and Gymnastics on Wednesdays for Y1/2/3



NUT ALLERGIES

We have children in school who could have an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to nuts or nut traces. Please only send your children to school with packed lunches that do not contain nuts or products containing nut traces. This includes Nutella and other chocolate spreads/products that contain nut traces or MAY contain nut traces.

Thank you

Important Dates

20.1.23 Visitor from the Open Centre- details on parent pay

6.2.23 Children's Mental Health Week

6.2.23 at 6 p.m.– Online Safety information workshop for parents from i-vengers

13.2.23 & 16.2.23– Parents' Evenings

27.2.23 INSET day

2.3.23 – World Book Day – Optional dress up as a book character

25.5.23 -26.5.23– Y2 Lea Green Residential

Communication

If you would like to speak to your child's class teacher please either email in to the department (see details at the bottom of this newsletter)

Dojos are going well- children love receiving dojo points and are really pleased that you as their parent know how they are being rewarded. Dojo is not a communication tool for parents/ staff- it is purely used to inform you of the positive points your child is receiving.

Important Reminders

Cold weather- Please ensure your child has a warm coat, gloves and a hat/ear muffs. Cold hands and ears can be very painful! All items of clothing should be named.

Outdoor PE continues to take place and therefore it is vital your child has the appropriate kit to wear, this includes jogging bottoms and a fleece/warm top to go over their t-shirt.

Thank you for your support with these.

Religions and Worldviews- A request from us!

Next half term we will be learning about how sacred times are celebrated in both the Christian and Islamic faith. To link this learning to their own experiences we will be discussing our own 'special days' and the way in which we celebrate them.

Over the coming weeks could you ask your child what their most special day is and how they celebrated this. It may be a birthday, the birth of a sibling or the day their team won the cup! If there is an object, such as a card or a programme etc., or photo that could be sent to school to help your child share their special day with their friends, that would be great!

This lesson is likely to take place in the first week of term, so may any items be sent or emailed in by the 9th January 2023. We are more than happy to keep any items safe over the Christmas holidays, should you wish to send them in before we break up!

Thank you for your continued support of your child's learning.

Homework

We would like to say thank you for your support with the homework, both online and the paper homework. The combination of the two is something the children have said they really like and find it is helping them to revisit key learning and therefore they are remembering more. This term we will start off with the online homework using purple mash and MyMaths, which will be released on the first day of the new term.

Online homework remains open for two weeks, so please do make time for your child to complete it. If you experience any problems, or need a reminder of your child's logins please contact us via the department email.

Supporting Maths



This is a highly engaging platform for learning to add and subtract. It supports children's understanding, recall and fluency in mental addition and subtraction so that they move from counting to calculating. Each week KS1 have 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners- we have noticed the same names popping up each week, so it would be lovely if you could give your child chance to develop their skills and maybe they could be the next winner! Children are rewarded for gaining the most coins, making the most progress, being the fastest at answering the questions to name a few of the reasons.

Merry Christmas Everyone

Have a magical Christmas, stay safe and enjoy family time. We will see you in 2023!