



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all enjoyed a lovely Christmas and New Year with your families. Thank you for the lovely cards and gifts you very generously gave me - I felt very spoiled. It was wonderful to welcome all the children back on Monday and hear about the exciting things they did over the two weeks. You have all certainly been busy.



Reception

We have started our new Topic - Journeys and will be looking at different journeys people make in all sorts of way locally, nationally and internationally. We have been learning to add numbers in Maths. We have learnt the story of the Bear Hunt and developed our own story, pictures and maps. We really enjoyed exploring different materials and creating our own textural maps too.

Year 1

We have been getting back into school after the holidays and have started to investigate place value in Maths and focussed on fantasy settings in our English lessons. We have started our new topic of Space and are really excited about all the things we have planned for the topic, particularly as we are following Tim Peake and his adventures.

We have brought in lots of things from home to share about and are enjoying our Dance lessons where we are currently pretending to be in podcasts.

Year 2

We have been thinking about our goals for the year ahead and setting targets for ourselves. We have written recounts of what we did over the Christmas holidays. We have learnt what suffixes are and recognise ways that they can change the meaning of words.

In Maths we have been working on consolidating place value and ordering numbers. We have been using the $>$ and $<$ symbols and rounding to the nearest multiple of 10. We have started discussing our new topic - One World - and have written questions we would like to explore this term and will be looking at creation stories from different world religions. In Dance we moved our bodies using the ocean as motivation.



Class teachers will be sending home their termly topic webs and newsletters on Monday. These will give you an overview of some of the different things the children will be exploring and learning about this term. Copies will also be posted on the website.

REMINDER

The application deadline for Reception 16 is next Friday 15th January. If you have any questions or queries, including those about our permanent site, please call or pop in to speak with Mrs Edwards.

IS WINTER FINALLY HERE?

By all accounts, we should experience some colder weather next week which will be a shock after such a mild autumn. Please can we remind you to send the children into school with coats, hats and gloves as we want them to feel warm when they are outside.

EVENTS AND PEOPLE THAT HAVE SHAPED BRITAIN



As a whole school we are keen to explore different events and people that have influenced Britain through the ages. We would like your help with this and would be grateful if you could take a couple of minutes to share your views by answering a few questions on the attached slip. Your responses will feed directly into the children's investigations and we hope to display all of this on the boards in our school hall.

WATCH US AT WORK

We would like to invite you to watch the children at work and play in their classes. For parents of children in Reception classes this will be Tuesday 19th January from 9.30-10.15 am and for KS1 parents (Years 1 and 2) this will be on Wednesday 20th January between 8.45 and 9.30am.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The clubs shown begin next week.

We regret that Drama Club will not go ahead for now but we are happy

that all first choices have been achieved. If you wish your child to join a club and have not yet signed up, please let the office know and we will see if we can find them a place.

| MONDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY |
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| CREATE'N'MAKE 11/1/16 – 15/2/16 | TAG RUGBY 11/1/16-14/3/16 | MULTI-SKILLS 12/1/16-15/3/16 | FOOTBALL 13/1/16-16/3/16 |

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Friday 15 th January | Deadline for school place applications for September 2016 | |
| Tuesday 19 th January | 9.30-10.15am | Watch us at Work – Reception classes |
| Wednesday 20 th January | 8.45-9.30am | Watch us at Work – KS1 |
| Thursday 21 st January | 8.45 (drop off) | Parent Class Reps meeting |

SPOTLIGHT

Our Spotlight this week falls on: Kacper and Tom for **swimming**; Jessica for **skiing** and Scarlett who had her hair cut and donated it to make wigs for poorly children. Well done!

PUPILS OF THE WEEK

At assembly this afternoon Pupil of the Week awards were given to: Aoibh and Vaala in Year 2; Dani, Rishi V, Abigail, Ben and Ffion in Year 1; Elliot, Ava, Rish T and Lucy in Reception.

Congratulations to them all.

Karen Edwards
Headteacher