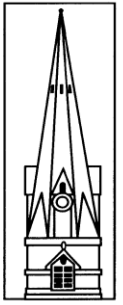




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12th January 2024

Head Teacher's Message

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed a new year to welcome in 2024. The children have come back to school full of stories to share about their holiday and it has been lovely to see everyone back in school ready to learn this week. In Worship, we have been talking about the value of 'hope' and what this can bring to our own individual lives, particularly with the start of a new year and the hopes and dreams that we 'hope' to achieve in 2024. We have received the delivery of the new school classroom and please have a look at the video of it being craned in on our school's Facebook page! The building team have been working hard all week to fit out the inside and we are hopefully going to be able to start using the classroom after the February half-term break once this has been completed.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, Mrs. Clarke ☺

Explorers

This week Explorer's have been reading a brand-new Literacy text called "The Magic Paintbrush" in Reception and "Brown Bear" for Nursery. The children have been choosing what they would paint if they had a special magic paintbrush, we have had some excellent ideas ranging from a 'bison' to a 'Lamborghini'! In maths, our Reception children have been learning about "one more" and "one less" whilst the Nursery children have been discovering 2D shapes. In RE the children have been learning about stories from the Old Testament and so far we have heard all about Noah's Ark and Moses.

Let's talk: Can you remember what Noah put inside his Ark?

Pathfinders

In Pathfinders this week, we have been learning about the different body parts in science looking at the different jobs that they do. We talked about the head, neck, arms, elbows, legs, knees, face, ears, eyes, hair, mouth and teeth. In music we have been learning about 'pitch' understanding how this can be used to create effect in different pieces of music.

Let's talk: Can you remember the names of the different body parts and point to them?

Discoverers

In Discoverers class, we have been working hard with our multiplication skills. We have also started a new book called 'Leon and the Place Between', which is set in a circus. The children have enjoyed making predictions about what events might happen next. In Geography, we looked at the four countries and capital cities that make up the United Kingdom and in PSHE we looked at changes and discussed how they make us feel.

Let's talk: Can you name the four countries that make up the UK and name their capital cities?

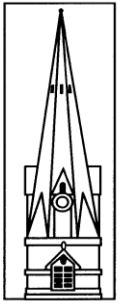
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Adventurers

In Adventurers, we began the spring term learning about movement and nutrition. In Tuesday's science lesson we looked at the skeleton and watched a very interesting video that taught us some fascinating facts about it. The children were amazed by the number of bones that we have.

Let's talk: Can you remember how many bones there are in our feet and hands?

Navigators

We have been very busy this week in Navigators, starting our new text, 'The Sleeper and the Spindle' and in Guided Reading we are studying, 'When the Stars came Out.' We found the pages 'Are you afraid of the Dark' interesting as we compared different night-time, mythical creatures like ghouls and werewolves. In RE we have started our new unit, 'Jesus the Teacher', and we thought about the people in our lives who have taught us important things that we will never forget. In Geography we have been looking at biomes and specifically what a desert is, writing a post card from the Mojave Desert, describing the location, climate, landscape and the animals and plants found there.

Let's talk: What do you know about the Mojave Desert and would you like to visit it?

Diary dates

We have included a list of future diary dates for the spring and summer terms. Please keep this list handy so that you can make reference to it for important events happening in school. This list will be added to, with sporting events, school trips etc. as these are booked in. The new dates will be added to the fortnightly school newsletter.

Weekly awards

Week ending 12 th January 2024		
	Star of the Week	VIP
Explorers	Noah	Raine
Pathfinders	Imogen	Vanessa
Discoverers	Luna	Max
Adventurers	Kayleigh	Arthur
Navigators	Amelia-Ann	Aleesha

Attendance

Week ending 12 th January 2024	Explorers 11 on roll	Pathfinders 15 on roll	Discoverers 22 on roll	Adventurers 26 on roll	Navigators 30 on roll
Attendance	86%	98%	95%	96%	97%
Lates	1%	1%	0.8%	0.77%	1%
Well done to Pathfinders class with the highest percentage attendance this week!					

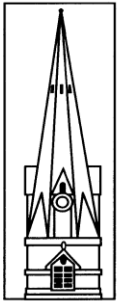
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Weekly Reminders

Medication: Please can we remind parents that medication can only be given during school hours if this is prescribed by a doctor, dentist or nurse. Items should be handed in at the office and permission forms completed. We cannot accept paracetamol, ibuprofen etc. unless these accompany prescribed medication. As always, there are exceptions and in these circumstances please discuss this with Mrs Rourke.

Mobile phones: Mobile phones should only be brought to school by children who walk to and from school unaccompanied or where they are going to a different parent's house. All phones must be handed in at the office for locking away during the day.

Absences: All absences must be notified to school **on the day**. ParentMail or email (bursar@walton.lancs.sch.uk) is the quickest and easiest way to report an absence and provides a written record. We must ask that full reasons for the absence is given, particularly where this is illness related. Just stating 'not well', 'ill' or 'unwell' does not allow us to monitor illness absences and in particular infection control.

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