



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Happy New Year! I hope that you all enjoyed a relaxing Christmas break and the children are feeling refreshed and revitalized for the forthcoming term.

Language, Oracy and Literacy

This term we are focusing on stories set in imaginary worlds, which begins with reading and comparing a range of texts with fantasy settings. Drama will be used throughout to explore characters and settings of stories. Later on in the term we will be looking at explanation texts where the children will be reading and analysing a number of texts to familiarise themselves with the genre before moving on to write their own explanations on a range of themes.

Mathematics

We will begin the term learning about measurement. We will also focus on lengths, mass and to convert measurements and solve problems. During the second half of the term the children will be recognizing fractions of number and solving problems which will involve adding and subtracting volume/capacity. As well as developing practical skills the children will learn fractions with the same denominator.

Science and Technology

The term's science topic is 'Forces and Magnets'. This unit gives children experience of push and pull forces, including attraction and repulsion between magnets. They will learn that these forces have direction and can vary in size. They also learn which materials are attracted to magnets. They will plan a fair test, deciding what to measure and what equipment to use.

Place and Time

We will be studying the Victorians this term, researching how life as a Victorian child, in work and school, differs to modern day childhood. We will be learning about the chronology of the period and relating this to a timeline and comparing the life of the rich and poor.

Physical and Emotional Health (PE)

In PE this term the children will be playing netball, developing technique, flexibility and strength. They will also be starting dance, where they will perform using a range of movement.

Arts and Creativity

The children will be exploring media, using a range of materials and colours to create different effects. Children will continue to learn Mandarin, alongside learning about Chinese culture.

Citizenship and Ethics

This term the children will be focusing on understanding disabilities. In particular, we will be thinking about the barriers that can be experienced and the solutions that can support people with disabilities.

Faith and Belief

Out topic for this term is Jesus' miracles and Christianity. The children will be enquiring whether Jesus could really heal people and whether these were miracles or if there is some other explanation.

Homework

The children will receive Maths homework on a Tuesday, which is due the following Tuesday. On Friday they will receive a Reading Comprehension to be handed in on the following Monday and new spellings which will be tested on the following Friday.

You may find some of these websites useful to help the children at home:-

<http://www.mathszone.co.uk/>

<https://www.mymaths.co.uk/>

<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/literacy/index.htm>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/victorian_britain/

Yours faithfully

Mrs Garland and Mrs Edwards