



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy new year from all the adults in the class and we hope you had a lovely Christmas. It is hard to believe that we are already 1/3 of the way through the year! We have a lot planned for the term. I hope the children will enjoy the topics and continue to add to their progress.

P.E

For this term P.E is on Monday and Thursday afternoon. We have a specialist coach on Mondays working on gymnastic skills. On Thursdays we will be working on ball and early games skills. P.E kits, consisting of black bottoms and white tops, are needed for both lessons. Earrings are not to be worn for P.E. If your child has earrings please ensure they know how to remove them.

Maths and English

In maths we are working with larger numbers. The children continue to learn to recognise and write larger numbers and explore the patterns in our number system; splitting numbers into tens and ones as they do this. We will continue to add and subtract; with objects initially and then moving to counting forwards or backwards using a number line. The children will be challenged to spot and use the connections in addition and the inverse subtraction to solve problems and investigations. Miss Matthews will spend time looking at 2d and 3d shape and then will move on to work on capacity.

We will also be learning the days of the week, the months of the year.

Reading continues to be a priority, with the children developing a range of decoding strategies and skills of comprehension. Phonic activities, in small groups, happen on a daily basis. During shared group/class reading and 1:1 reading with an adult, children are also practising skills like applying picture and context clues to decode unfamiliar words.

The children will continue to build on their excellent progress with their writing.

Topic

The theme for this first half term is; 'Whatever the Weather'. In science we will be looking at the seasons in the year and typical weather at that time. We will also compare the length of day through the year. Our Geography will be to find hot and cold countries in the world and identify where they are on the world map. We will continue to use the story village as a setting for weather reports and art activities. This will link the work on traditional tales in English to the other subjects.

The second half of the term is our 'Traction man to the rescue!' topic. Our science targets will be to look at the body; particularly our senses and how they help us to make sense of the world. The children will be using different senses to follow directions, in order to help Traction Man solve the crimes. For history we will look at the changes over time in some spy equipment, like telephones; considering the impact of technology.

Once again if there is anything you would like to talk to me about please do not hesitate to pop in.

Further information is also available on the school website:

www.beardallfields.org.uk

Weekly newsletters (paper copies on a Wednesday via the children or electronic version accessed on the website) provide up to date information.

 You are also able to follow us via the class twitter account.

Thank you for your support!

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