

YEAR 1



newsletter

Edition 7

20th December 2024

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNT?

English: We have now completed our literacy unit on writing instructions. Children are now really secure with knowing what nouns, verbs and adjectives are and can use these in their writing. We have also been perfecting when to use full stops and capital letters and are trying really hard to remember to use these every time we write.

Phonics: We have now learnt different spellings for the sounds /ae/, /ee/, /oe/, /er/, /e/, /ow/ and /oi/ as well as introducing more 'High Frequency Words' (HFWs).

Maths: Last week, we completed our block on number. Children have been making up number stories and recording these in number sentences as number families, e.g...

$$3+2=5 \quad 2+3=5 \quad 5-2=3 \quad 5-3=2$$

Art: We have loved working with Mrs Plank this term to support us with our art. Our topic has been 'Birds' and the six week block led to creating beautiful wire bird sculptures. These will be available for you to view in the spring when we hold our special Aviary Exhibition.

Geography: We have been digging deeper into our local area and have discovered what famous people came from Maidstone. Did you know that the Winter Olympic Gold medal winner, Lizzy Yarnold, grew up in Maidstone?

RE: With Christmas just around the corner, we have been learning about why Christians celebrate this special day and what the birth of the Son of God really means to them.

PSHE: We have been learning about allergies and how some people adapt their diet. We have also thought about people who help keep us healthy.

PE: In gymnastics, we have been developing technique when performing shape jumps.

WE WISH YOU A VERY...

MERRY
Christmas

We look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

COMING UP

6 JANUARY

INSET day - CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND

7 JANUARY

Children back to school

13 JANUARY

Visit from River with his rodents and reptiles

28 JANUARY

National Lego Day!

REMINDERS

- Please continue to support your child with learning new phonemes and HFWs, as well as continuing to practice sounds/words taught in YR.
- Many reading folders are full to the brim - please empty these over the Christmas break ready for a fresh start in January.
- We have noticed that many items are not named - please ensure that **all** items of clothing (including PE kit), water bottles, lunchboxes, coats, gloves, hats and scarves are named.