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Key Stage 1 Newsletter – December 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we fast approach the end of our first term of this academic year we felt it was important to share with you a little bit of what we have been up to in school. The children have been amazing during this challenging time and settled into their new classes quickly and also adapted to the new way of being at school – staying in bubbles, washing hands etc. They really have taken it all in their stride and we are immensely proud of them.

What have we been up to this term?

We started the term catching up with any learning that was lost during the first lockdown and also enjoying our Percy the Park Keeper topic where we spent time learning how to classify animals into groups, consider the different habitats animals live in and make comparisons between what different groups of animals need. The children loved this topic and particularly enjoyed sharing stories of all their pets at home!

This half term we have been submerged in the history topic – The Great Fire of London - another popular theme and we would like to thank you all for helping the children with their knowledge of this topic. We imagine that they are all able to now spot a Tudor house when they see one and have a clearer understanding of how historical facts fit on a time line – something young children can find quite tricky. A highlight of this topic was certainly the dance they learnt as part of our PE sessions and the building of the streets of London in the playground.





Spring Term

We will be starting the New Year with our fantastic **Toys** topic. The children will be exploring old toys and comparing them to the things they got for Christmas! Apart from this historical element we will be doing a lot of Art, Design Technology and ICT related to Toys.

To kick off this topic please could we ask the children to bring in a favourite toy on **Tuesday 5th January 2021**.

We will be sharing all their news from Christmas and setting up a toy shop where they will be creating a "sales pitch" for their toy. All just a way to settle them back into class and warm up their speaking and listening skills for the term ahead. They will of course be able to take their toy home on the same day! These toys will not be shared or passed around, purely used for show and tell. We will also be asking them to bring in one of their teddy bears for the still life drawing they are going to be doing! The class teacher will let you know when this will be happening.

After half term we will move onto a topic on **Structures** where we will be doing lots of building, exploring materials and comparing different buildings in the environment. We hope to be able to go on a school trip towards the end of this topic but that will very much depend on what the Covid situation is like by then – fingers crossed!

We are sorry that we have not been able to share your child's work in the way we usually do but hope you have been able to keep up to date on Twitter to see what we have been doing.

Thank you all very much for your continued support and we hope you have a very happy Christmas and well deserved rest.

Key Stage 1 Team

