School Newsletter: Friday 1st Dec 2023

In our classes this week…..

EYFS

This week we have linked our activities to 'The Emperor's New Groove', the children have enjoyed creating and designing clothes for the Emperor, acting out the story and creating small world props. In Maths Reception children have counted candles to go on a cake and weighed ingredients for playdough. The children loved playing in the snow this week and had a fantastic taster session from Little Kickers which they all really enjoyed.

Key Stage 1

KS1 have enjoyed learning about Asia this week in geography. They learnt that Turkey is one of the countries in Asia and some children were excited that they had visited the largest continent.

In Jigsaw, the children have continued to celebrate differences and discussed how these differences make us unique.

We had some fantastic illustrators in English, this week. The children created beasts to befriend the main character in our focus text 'The Lonely Beast'.

Key Stage 2 – Lower

This week we have been learning about persuasive writing techniques and the effects climate change is having on our environment. The children wrote some brilliant persuasive letters, persuading people to take action. In Science we have been classifying different rocks and making our own identification keys. We finished off the week with a visit to our Christmas fayre.

Key stage 2 – Upper

This week we have been finding out about the Orkney Islands in literacy so that we could write an informative non-chronological report.

In our jigsaw session we have been exploring the differences between direct and indirect bullying.

On Thursday we enjoyed our last challenging industry session where we found out how electricity is managed safely on work sites.

Mild illness guidance

We know that winter is one of the peak times for adults and children to come down with mild illnesses such as colds, coughs and sore throats. Please see the helpful link below from the NHS.

- NHS Guidance: Is my child too ill for school?

Week commencing 4th Dec

Monday – Y6 – SATs Revision Club
Wednesday – Y1+Y2+Y5+Y6 – Yoga*
Wednesday – R+KS1 – Multi-Sports After School Club*
Thursday – Y5 + Y6 – Swimming

*Please wear PE Kit

General

This week in assembly we have focussed on Article 29: Aims of Education and the work of polar explorer and environmentalist Robert Swan. It led us to the question, *'Who is responsible for Antarctica?'*

As part of our education, we should be taught to live peacefully and protect the environment.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 6th December – Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day
Thursday 7th December 2023 – Panto trip (R – Y6)
Friday 8th December 2023 – Carols around the Christmas Tree (9:30am – All welcome)
Tuesday 19th December 2023 – Break up for Christmas
Wednesday 3rd January 2024 – INSET day (School Closed)
Thursday 4th January 2024 – Return to school
Friday 16th February 2024 – Break up for half term
Monday 26th February 2024 – Return to school
Wednesday 27th March 2024 – Break up for Easter
Thursday 28th March 2024 – INSET day (School Closed)
Monday 15th April 2024 – Return to school
Monday 6th May 2024 – Bank Holiday (School Closed)
Friday 24th May 2024 – Break up for half term
Monday 3rd June 2024 – Return to school
Friday 19th July 2024 – Break up for Summer holidays
Monday 22nd July 2024 – INSET day (School Closed)
Tuesday 23rd July 2024 – INSET day (School Closed)
Wednesday 4th September 2024 – INSET day (School Closed)
Thursday 5th September 2024 – Return to school
Please check doio for further dates and details