# School Newsletter: Friday 22nd Nov 2024

## In our classes this week…..

### Nursery

This week Nursery have been continuing learning all about celebrations. We have talked about the different things we celebrate throughout the year. We have also made our own cards designing them with different craft materials.
Our phonics theme this week is 'The Three Little Pigs'. We have been making our own houses out of straw, blocks and carboard boxes to see if the big bad wolf would be able to blow them down! The children have enjoyed being creative and using great imagination when building the houses.

### Key Stage 1

This week, Reception have loved retelling the story of Little Red Riding Hood on our stage. In Literacy, the children were introduced to sentences and wrote their own sentence to describe the sticks they found.
In KS1, the children are continuing to enjoy our D.T. unit. They loved creating their own moving pictures which featured a leaver.
In maths, the children in Year 1 are gaining an understanding of place value within 20. In year 2, children have been learning about the properties of 3D shapes. They are fantastic at locating and counting the vertices on their shapes.

### Key Stage 2 – Lower

In our literacy lessons this week, we wrote some non-chronological reports about eagles. These included information about where they live, what they eat and how big they are.
In science, we have been learning about states of matter and made some cheese scones to see how different ingredients can change from a liquid to a solid.
We enjoyed having some grown-ups in school on Tuesday for our Maths cafe. This gave us some ideas of different maths games we can play at home and in school.

### Key stage 2 – Upper

This week we have been writing an email in the role of Liam, the main character in our CLPE text Cosmic.
In maths, year 5 have been learning how to add and subtract mixed number fractions. Year 6 have been learning how to add, subtract and multiply mixed number fractions.
In music we have been learning the songs for our whole school nativity and our carol service at the church.

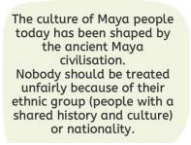
### Week commencing 25th November

Tuesday – Y5 + Y6 – Maths Café for Parents
Wednesday – R, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 – Multi Sports*
Wednesday – KS1 – Multi Sports After School Club*
Thursday – Y5+Y6 – Swimming**
Thursday – KS2 – French After School Club

*Please wear PE kit
**Please bring swimming kit

### General

This week in assembly we looked at 'Why discovery is important.' This linked to a news story where more than 6,000 ancient Maya structures, including a city of pyramids, have been discovered and named Valeriana.
This story links to Article 17: Access to information and the British Value of Respect and Tolerance as we learn about people who lived in the past and across the world. We also looked at the protected characteristic of race in this assembly as nobody should be treated unfairly because of their ethnic group.




In our Music appreciation we listened to Superstition by Stevie Wonder, an American musician, singer, songwriter, record producer and multi-instrumentalist. In this piece we listened out for Stevie's distinct voice, the riff that plays throughout and the trumpet and tenor sax horn section.

### Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 26th November 2024 – Maths Café (Y5 + Y6) 9am – 11am
Wednesday 11th December 2024 – Nursery Theatre Trip (AM)
Thursday 12th December 2024 – Festive Fun Run (Whole school)
Thursday 12th December 2024 – Nativity (Whole school) – 1:30pm
Monday 16th December 2024 – Nursery Xmas Party (AM)
Monday 16th December 2024 – KS2 Xmas Party (PM)
Tuesday 17th December 2024 – Panto Trip (R to Y6)
Tuesday 17th December 2024 – Christmas Dinner Day
Wednesday 18th December 2024 – Reception/KS1 Xmas Party (PM)
Thursday 19th December 2024 – Carols at Methodist Church 1:30pm
Friday 20th December 2024 – Break up for Christmas
Monday 6th January 2025 – INSET day (School Closed)
Tuesday 7th January 2025 – Return to school
Friday 21st February 2025 – Break up for half term
Monday 3rd March 2025 – Return to school
Friday 11th April 2025 – Break up for Easter holidays
Monday 28th April 2025 – Return to school
Friday 23rd May 2025 – Break up for half term
Monday 2nd June 2025 – Return to school
Friday 18th July 2025 – Break up for Summer break