School Newsletter: Friday 31st Jan 2025

In our classes this week…..

Nursery

This week in nursery, we have been celebrating Chinese New Year! The children have explored how this festival is celebrated and taken part in a variety of fun activities. They practiced using chopsticks by transferring noodles into different-sized pots, enhancing their fine motor skills. They also experimented with red paint powder to create Chinese numbers copying off the numerals. The children also got crafty by making and decorating their own lanterns and dragons, which they proudly used in role play around the nursery.

Key Stage 1

Class 1 have enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year this week and how this is celebrated around the world. They learnt that it is the Year of the Snake and made some craft snakes to mark the occasion.
In Reception, we are continuing to share our focus text: Bedtime for Monsters. The children enjoyed planning how to keep the monsters out and created some fantastic traps.
In science, Year 1 and 2 have learnt about invertebrates.

Key Stage 2 – Lower

This week Class 2 have learned more about the story 'One Plastic Bag' and we have discussed the problems plastic can cause and the things we can all do to use less plastic. The children had lots of ideas and are very knowledgeable and enthusiastic about this topic. It has been really interesting to listen to their ideas.
In Maths, we have learned about division this week, which has been tricky, but the children have worked really hard. We are moving on to a new topic next week.

Key stage 2 – Upper

This week the children have enjoyed our third session of Market Makers with Jenna. In this session children were beginning to develop ideas for our product that we will begin making in the coming weeks.
In PE, children enjoyed performing paired balances on the apparatus and working together to put these into a sequence of movements.
In literacy, the children had a brilliant time creating art work linked to the latest chapter in our story (The Sack of Winds). Following our art session, the children were able to write a diary entry in the role of Odysseus.

General

In our assembly this week we looked at the recent news story of new data showing that 2024 was the Earth's hottest year on record, warming by about 1.5°C higher that the pre-industrial average. We discussed *'Who should be involved in key decisions for the world?'* and linked it to the British Value of Democracy and Article 24: Health, water, food and environment.

The Earth's climate impacts everyone, no matter their background or nationality. To find solutions that work for everyone, it's important to listen to voices from all countries equally.

In our Music appreciation this week we listened to Ode To Joy from Symphony No 9 (choral symphony) by Ludwig van Beethoven. Ode To Joy is part of the final movement of Beethoven's 9th Symphony and it is often played at international events.

Week Commencing 3rd February

Monday – Y6 SATs Revision Club - 3:15 to 4pm
Wednesday – KS2 – Gymnastics Before School Club*
Wednesday – KS1 – Multi Sports After School Club*
Thursday – Y3+Y4 – Swimming**

*Please wear PE kit
**Please bring swimming kit

Dates for your diary:

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
Tuesday 2nd September 2025 – INSET day (School Closed)
Wednesday 3rd September 2025 – Return to school
Friday 24th October 2025 – Break up for half term
Monday 3rd November 2025 – Return to school
Friday 19th December 2025 – Break up for Christmas holidays

Please check dojo for further dates and details