

# Year 3 Newsletter

Week beginning: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,



It was lovely to see the children after a well-deserved Christmas holiday! Although the first day back is usually difficult for the children (and the adults!), it was wonderful to hear all about the exciting things they did during the holidays and the presents they received from Santa, as well as their loved ones.

## English

On the first day back, the children were asked to share their experiences during the Christmas holidays. They made bullet points to record their activities before Christmas day; the presents they received during Christmas; the family and friends they spent time with during the holidays and the best part of their days off school. After gathering ideas and key vocabulary on their planning sheet, they wrote a recount of their experiences using the past tense. Children were encouraged to organise their writing in clear paragraphs and punctuate their sentences correctly. After completing their writing, they edited their work.

## Maths

This week in maths, we revisited our previous learning by doing mental maths and by solving simple problems. We mainly focussed on number bonds to 100. Children were encouraged to use number lines to work out the complementary numbers that make 100. Some of the problems could be solved mentally.

## RE

This term, we are learning about the religion of Sikhs. The children were introduced to Sikhism and the basic principles of the religion. We also learnt the key vocabulary for the place of worship for the Sikhs and their holy book – Gurdwara and Guru Granth Sahib.

## History

This term, we have started learning about Ancient Egypt. The children already know a great deal about this fascinating civilisation and are eager to learn more! We have started watching a National Geographic video on this topic. The children also learnt that Egyptians wore a variety of colourful head gear. These were often made from leather, papyrus, or soft fabric. They are often mistaken for crowns.

The children have made their own head gears based on the popular designs of the period.

## Geography

We have continued our learning about mountains in our geography lesson. This week, we learnt a few more key vocabulary (like *summit*, *peak*, *valley*, *slope* and *terrace*).

## PE

We are learning the skills of basketball, dodgeball and bench-ball this term. The children are familiar with the rules and skills of dodgeball. It was wonderful to see their sportsmanship shine through, when they were playing games against each other in mixed groups this week. On Friday, they played a brilliant game of bench-ball!

## Spellings

The spelling rules that we will cover this term are as follows.

<b>Autumn 2</b>	1. Common words from key stage 1 and setting non negotiables	2. Statutory word list and adding prefixes and suffixes to these where appropriate	3. The /u/ sound spelt <i>ou</i>	4. Prefixes <i>mis-</i> <i>dis-</i>	5. More prefixes <i>re-</i> <i>sub-</i> <i>tele-</i>	6. More prefixes <i>super-</i> <i>auto-</i> <i>pre-</i>	7. Review and assessment of spelling taught this half term.
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Since the words for this week are the common exception words from KS1, Group A and Group B have been asked to learn all the spellings. Group C will continue to learn the spellings given by Mrs Lepavoux.

If you have any questions about it, please feel free to speak to me.

Have an enjoyable weekend!

Mrs Pattanshetti, Mrs Glennon and Mrs Patterson 😊