

# Year 6 news

Term 3, Week 2

## **THANK YOU!**

Mrs Ward, Miss Reddick, Miss Button and I want to express our thanks for your great generosity at the end of last term. Thank you all for our cards and gifts. It was very much appreciated.

We hope you all had a restful Christmas holiday. The children have come back full of energy and ready to learn!

I have enclosed some pictures from last term in this newsletter.

## **PE:**

This term, we are learning how to play basketball, dodgeball and bench ball. The weather was not kind to us on last Wednesday, so we took the opportunity to play bench ball in the hall. The children certainly showed their competitive nature - there were some tense games!

Please note that the swimming lessons start again on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January.

## **Science/DT:**

We are continuing our work on Electricity this term. The children will work in small groups to design an electrical scarecrow that must have at least one moving part. It should also include a switch (the children need to work out how to make the switch) - the intention being that if a bird was to land on the scarecrow, the circuit would complete and the moving part/parts would start to move. The children will be encouraged to problem-solve in their groups. During the planning sessions, it is important the children use the school values of perseverance and respect, as the children will undoubtedly have different ideas of what to make and how to make it.

In order to make the scarecrows, the children will need cardboard boxes - so if you have any (no bigger than shoeboxes), please send them in.

## A snapshot of our week

### **Maths:**

Since the start of Term 3, we have learnt about decimals. The children have worked on understanding tenths, hundredths and thousandths. They have also been dividing and multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000. Additionally, the children have been adding and subtracting decimal numbers, as well as rounding decimal numbers. They have been solving a variety of fluency and reasoning questions. We have also continued to go over previous learning.

### **English:**

We have started our new class book, The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd. Initially we looked at the cover and the tag-line and the children made predictions about what the book might be about. Whilst reading the first few chapters, we learnt a lot about the main character, Ted. The children wrote a character description about Ted Spark, based on what they had found out about him. Later, they wrote a complaints letter, which was based on an incident in the book. The children have also researched The London Eye and have used their findings to make an information leaflet about The Eye.

### **Italian:**

The children translated lots of words (parts of the body, months, days, the family), in order to be able to complete a word search.

### **Latin:**

The children learnt about Roman soldiers - they read (in Latin) and translated all about the soldiers and what they used to wear.

### **Geography:**

We continued learning about Energy and Climate change. This week, the children were encouraged to form their own opinions about nuclear power.

### **Term 3 Dates for your diary:**

**Swimming starts again:** 19<sup>th</sup> January

**Woodland Learning:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb

