

Weekly Review

8th February 2019

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Can you believe we are just one week away from half term already? Not to frighten anyone, but technically half term marks the middle point of the academic year – your child is one week away from being half way through year 2! But that's a whole week away yet and we have a few things to cram in before we get there.

Next week the children will be sitting some SAT style tests in the classroom. Much like before this is a good opportunity for me to track progress but it also ensures the children can continue to get used to working under test-like conditions. Don't worry though it's not all tests and gloom, we will also be having a non-uniform day on Thursday to celebrate Valentine's Day – the children can wear something red or pink and we kindly ask for a £1 donation towards the BSA on this day. Have a lovely weekend. Mr Palmer



Curriculum News 5 10

We have really started to get our teeth into fractions this week. The children have been learning about halves, quarters and thirds and how to work out splitting shapes according to these fractions. We have started to look at applying this knowledge to concrete objects and numbers too but we will focus on this more next week.

English has seen us start a new unit on working with stories from different cultures. The children have been able to talk about why the story might be considered to be from another culture (the location, climate, animals involved in the story) and the children have had a go at converting the main story points into a new more familiar location and working out what would need to change and why.

Science has seen us look at the importance of exercise for humans and what regular exercise can do to keep us fit and healthy.

In R.E. we have continued to look at Sikhism and have looked at the festival of Vaisakhi (the Sikh new year). I'm delighted that the children have taken such an interest in this topic this term.

Notices & Diary Dates

- **Mornings/Afternoons.** On behalf of the school, we just wanted to say a thank you to all the parents who have been so understanding of the changes to the procedures for dropping off/picking up your children. I would like to take this opportunity to assure everyone that nothing has changed with regards to being able to see myself or indeed any of the other teachers should you feel the need to do so. I am around at pick-up time everyday if you would like a quick chat about anything. Alternatively, please make an appointment with the office if you need to discuss something and require a bit more time.
- **Penguins** Here's some penguins we made this week. I'm sure they are sitting proudly on your mantle pieces as we speak. 😊

Homework

This week's times tables homework will be the 4 and 7 times tables. Much like the previous two weeks, the children should aim to practise the arrays method in order to help them become more fluent with the times tables. The aim of this homework is to ensure they can become really confident with using this method so that when they inevitably get a question in their SAT paper asking for a times table question – they have the method down. It is not a question of committing them to memory (although this will of course happen with time), it is more about being comfortable with the method so in theory they can use it to work out any times table problem they may encounter.



Friday 15th February – Half Term Begins.

Monday 25th February – Back to school.



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