

# Termly Newsletter

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It has been another busy half term and the children have continued to work hard and demonstrate enthusiasm towards their learning. They have really enjoyed all the Easter activities this week and were very excited to share their work with you.

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break.

We look forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

Miss Jones, Selina, Helena and Jo



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## Phonics



The children have continued to work hard in their phonics sessions this half term, and have been consolidating the skills learnt in the autumn term to help them read and write lots of new, bigger, more complicated words.

To help with this they have been thinking carefully about how many phonemes are in a given word and identifying if the word contains digraphs and trigraphs.

Towards the end of the term the children have been able to apply these skills in their sentence writing and have enjoyed changing a given sentence to make a new one. Here is a link to game we have been playing on the computers to support this skill. The difficulty level can be changed according to ability.

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/SentSubPhase3.html>

## Easter Activity Morning

The children had a great time on Thursday morning taking part in lots of different Easter activities in the hall. Thank you very much to all the parents who helped on the day, to those who helped prepare lots of the resources and for all your donations.



## Literacy

Our London topic was a source of great inspiration for our literacy work this half term. The children have been working really hard to create their own London Information Booklets and have enjoyed writing about their favourite London Landmarks.



## Numeracy

This term the children have really come to grips with addition and subtraction. They are always eager to tell me a new number sentence they have managed to work out independently.

We encourage the children to record their number sentences in a variety of ways; this can be on white boards, paper, play dough or using objects to resemble a certain amount. We have also been learning about money and using their addition knowledge we worked together to see how many coins we would need to make 3p, 5p, 10p and 20p. The children enjoyed playing 'pennypound' on the computer where they were able to match the price tag to the money displayed on screen.

*During the holidays see if your child can read any of the price labels when you are shopping. Can they help you pay for items to develop their understanding of money?*



Olympic



Topic



The Olympic topic is a whole school theme which will be continuing throughout the summer term. To run alongside the topic the children have all been put into school teams that are named after four local Olympians (Ben **Ainslie**, Rebecca **Adlington**, Daniel **Keatings** and Victoria **Pendleton**). The children have made a great start to the topic by designing their own pin badges to represent their team and planning a flag design which they will be creating after the holidays. Thank you very much for supporting your children with their homework task to research their Olympian. The work the children have been doing has really enthused them about this new topic and we are look forward to lots of exciting events and activities in the summer term.



### Morning Routine

Next term we will be requesting that the children come into the school building on their own in the morning to further extend their independence.

As of the first day back after the holidays the children will wait on the bottom playground in the mornings; they can then say goodbye to you on the playground when the bell rings at 8.55am. There will always be a teacher or teaching assistant making sure all the children get into school safely. The home time routine will remain the same.

### Notices

- The children have their extended homework project to work on over the holidays.
- If you visit London over the holidays please pick up any maps, leaflets and other things that we can use in our role play activities and on our topic table.
- Please could you bring in any foil Easter Egg wrappers you may collect over the holidays, the children will really enjoy using them in the Creative Area in the summer term.



# Happy Easter!

