

Autumn Term Edition

Friday 11th December 2020

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Message from the Head

This is the last newsletter of a very unique year at our school and across the world. We all wish our Meadowside families a calm, healthy and joyful holiday and let us all hope for a better year ahead. Thank you for your support, your understanding and your patience this year – we could not have asked for a better school family or community spirit through the challenges we have faced. Your children have worked incredibly hard this term and they will benefit from some nurture and happiness with their families, ready to face 2021 with positivity.

I will send a parentmail at the end of next week with details about procedure, should someone in your household become ill over Christmas.

Meadowside Class News

Reception-

In Reception we have been enjoying various stories about Love Monster over the last two weeks. In the first story, he was looking for someone to love him just the way he was. In the second story, he was looking for the perfect present to purchase but, in the end, he made the perfect gift. We are following his example and making decorations, cards and gifts. All better than money can buy. We have also enjoyed hearing the Christmas story and dressing up as the characters and retelling it in our own special way. In Maths we have been talking about time, the days of the week, day and night and shapes. There is always something new to learn and investigate so it has been a busy term. As a class we are trying to work together to collect diamonds. If we collect enough we might even get a Christmas treat!

Year 1-

What an amazing end to our topic we have had in Year 1! We have spent the last two weeks making our own slider/pop up pictures based on a nursery rhyme that we chose. It was a bit fiddly and required a lot of planning but they look brilliant! We then took them with us to the Teddy Bears' Picnic! By the time you read this, we will have celebrated the end of our topic in style with Year 2! We all learnt the Teddy Bears' Picnic song to perform and enjoyed some delicious picnic snacks as well! We are so impressed with how well the children have immersed themselves in this topic and look forward to launching a new one in the new year! For now, we will turn our attentions to some more Christmassy themed activities during our topic slots! Well done for a brilliant term Year 1! We hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you back again in 2021!

Class News Continued

Year 2-

By the time you read this, our Teddy Bears' Picnic will have been enjoyed by everyone! We have shared our Pop Up pictures and our song Teddy Bears' Picnic and we even got to meet some of our teachers' teddy bear friends! Ask your children what they have found out about toys from the past and how toys work- this might be something to think about when opening Christmas presents during the holiday!!!

We also finished our book The Robot and the Bluebird by David Lucas this week. We were very surprised at the ending! Next week we are going to be finding out the real versions of well known fairy tales originally written by Hans Christian Anderson or The Brothers Grimm- these are certainly not the rosy versions that Disney have put out over the years!!! Have a lovely holiday- see you in January!

Year 3-

Year 3 have been finishing off our archaeology star to complete our 'Who Wants To Be A Rockstar topic'. The children have learnt about how homes, tools and weapons changed between the Stone Age and Iron Age. They worked hard to create a topic book page to show all that they had learnt, and the end results were brilliant. By the time you read this they will also have taken part in a dress up day to celebrate all that they have learnt and achieved over the topic, which is thoroughly deserved. We have also practised our Christmas song signs, speaking parts and animal acting and have recorded something rather special which will be winging its way to your inboxes soon. Next week we will fully immerse ourselves in Christmas themed activities and we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Year 4-

We have completed our work in geometry, and we are now exploring the relationship between multiplication and division. We are currently working on our x6 table and we will move on to x7 and x9. Please continue to encourage your child with using TTRockstars as we share a leader board each Monday and reward children who have earned 1,000 plus points.

We will be changing the selection of Library books that we offer from a selection in our classroom. Please return any outstanding books so that we can start to issue new ones at the start of next term. Thank you for your support with Catherine Johnson's book 'Freedom'. The lunchtime group has enjoyed reading through it and other children have also read it as well and shared their insight. From Term Three, we will be reading 'Where the World Turns Wild' by Nicola Penfold. This exciting book is strangely topical and it would be great if you could partner with us and get a copy for your child to read and share at home. Children keeping up with their reading enables us to share our thoughts and opinions and enjoy our reading!

Thank you so much for your support and kind wishes; we know that life is to say the least challenging but the last two terms working with Year Four Silver Birch have been fun and rewarding for all. Have a great Christmas and we look forward to hearing your news in 2021.

Year 5-

It's been a wonderful fortnight in Year 5. Christmas is well and truly here. Our performance has been recorded and the children were magnificent! We are very excited about you seeing the finished product. Next week, we will be having lots of Christmas fun, including hot chocolates and toasting marshmallows in Forest School on Monday. In English, we are coming to the end of our work on The Wizard of Oz. The children have really enjoyed this story and so have we! Addition has been the focus of the last fortnight in maths. We have been really impressed with the level of skill on show. Science has seen us continue to work on materials and the focus has been on separating mixtures and reversible and irreversible changes. Our work in computing is coming to a close but the coding on show this term has been AMAZING! We have loved working on our skills game awareness in P.E, through netball and hockey. We promise to have lots of fun next week: there really is something magical about Christmas Time in a primary school. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Year 6-It has been another busy fortnight in Year 6. We have gone back to basics in English, looking at sentence structure and different sentence types. We are going to show off the results of this learning in our Writer's Cafe writing next week. In Maths we have been exploring coordinates in all four quadrants and translating and reflecting shapes. We have been creating our very own magical Narnia scenes in DT. After planning and careful design, we hand crafted our wooden door frame. We enjoyed being given the responsibility of using real hack-saws under careful supervision, and the pressure of getting our measurements exact. We are delighted with the landscape we then developed in the shoe box. Glitter city indeed. Hope you love looking at them at home as much as we enjoyed creating them in school! We also filmed our segment of the Meadowside Christmas Performance; we can't wait for you to see it!

Other News

Christmas Packed Lunch - On Wednesday we will be having a festive packed lunch Chicken/tuna/cheese baguettes, Orange & Cranberry Brownie or Gingerbread biscuits with crudities and fruit. If your child would prefer to bring their own lunch, they are welcome to bring festive treats.

You may have heard some mention in the press about schools having an INSET day on 18th December. This is optional and we have decided that Meadowside will stay open.

Our last day of this term is Friday 18th December. Children will finish at their normal staggered finish times.

We return to school on Monday 4th January 2021, at normal staggered start times.

Dates for your diary

Monday 14th December- Christmas performance release date

Wednesday 16th – Festive Packed Lunch

Wednesday 16th – Last Day for Christmas Cards in school.

Friday 18th December- Christmas jumper day- Donations for Save the Children

Don't forget to check the website

www.meadowsideschool.co.uk/calendar for all key dates.

**INSET dates
(school shut for pupils)**

**Monday 8th and Tuesday
9th March 2021**

**Wednesday 21st July
2021**



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Date of next newsletter: Friday 8th January 2021