

6th January 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year!

A slightly different start to the term than expected but HAPPY NEW YEAR and welcome back (even if you're on the screen!) We hope you have all had a fantastic Christmas.



Our Curriculum in Taw:

Our class topic this term will be '*Fairy tales*'. Much of the work the children do will reflect this. In **English** we will use many well-known stories, such as Jack and the Beanstalk, Cinderella and The Gingerbread Man, to develop our children's vocabulary, use of punctuation and sequencing to re-write stories, as well as creating their own versions. In **Maths** the children will be developing their understanding of place value and number bonds before moving onto calculations. Alongside this they will explore using number to measure and compare capacities. They will be encouraged to apply their maths knowledge through problem solving and explaining how they know an answer.

In **Science** this term our class will be exploring animals- how they change, life cycles, survival needs and how to keep healthy. They will also look at different aspects of the seasons.

During our **personal, social and emotional** lessons and circle times we will be looking at what makes us unique and how our families are different.

In **Geography & History** we will be exploring castles and what features they have in comparison to how we live now, and what it would be like to live in the olden days. We will also develop our fieldwork and map making skills, extending our understanding of human and physical features in the environment.

In **Art and Design Technology** we will be designing, constructing and making our own models of castles, exploring simple mechanisms and how to make our structures stronger. In Art, we will explore use of colour and use a range of materials to create sculptures inspired by Degas and Giacometti.

PE this term will be a combination of multi skills and team games.

In **RE** we will be looking at special places to us and to Christians. We will learn about what makes churches important and how mosques are special to Muslims. We will also be exploring our school values and learning about the Easter story and what it means to Christians. We will also be learning about Chinese New Year traditions.



Reading:

Thank you to for reading with your children and sharing books together. It really does have a positive impact on your child's reading ability, both in decoding and understanding the text. YR will continue to have a decodable book to practise their phonics skills alongside a 'book of interest' to share with you. Please make a note of this in the yellow reading diary. Your comments are relevant at whatever level your child is currently reading at. Please also find books on www.oxfordowl.co.uk relevant to your stage of reading if you are at home.

Home Learning:

Have a go at DoodleMaths and DoodleSpell– please help your child access this at home.

Year 1 please also practise your 10 times tables on DoodleTables.

We will always endeavour to be available if you have anything you would like to talk about regarding your child in Taw class, however big or small. Please also contact us via email.

Let's hope the rest of 2021 is a little smoother than last year but we have no doubt that your children's enthusiasm and willingness to learn will continue to grow. They show such resilience and determination – we are very proud of them!

Best wishes

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