

Upcoming Dates

Monday 20 th January	Seesaw launch date
Tuesday 28 th January	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 29 th January	Parent Consultations
Monday 10 th February- Friday 14 th	Mid-term holiday
Monday 2 nd March	Shared Learning
Monday 6 th April	Easter Break Begins

Numeracy and Maths

In numeracy, we have been working with numbers up to 100, counting forwards and backwards, in twos, and counting the number of jumps from one number to another number. We have been using our number lines and hundred squares to help us. We have also been using the mathematical language of 'greater than' and 'less than'. We have been using a variety of numeracy games, teacher-led activities and pencil tasks to improve in our addition and subtraction skills. We have been enjoying problem solving warm-ups. In multiplication and division, we have explored equal sharing and arrays.

Literacy and English

The children continue to work in their literacy teams and have been enjoying learning new sounds and tricky words. We have been using these sounds to build and blend words and try to identify our sound-words in fiction and non-fiction texts. Within reading, we have been discussing the characters, setting and plots of our books. We have been asking and answering questions about the texts to show our understanding and we have been completing a variety of activities to share what we know about the stories.

Within writing, we have enjoyed our Talk for Writing story 'The Rainbow Princess'. The children made story-maps, used adjectives to describe the characters and wrote imaginative pieces using their own characters. The children were excited to be involved in class drama linked to 'The Rainbow Princess' story.

Our focus story this term is 'How to catch a star' by Oliver Jeffers. This links well to our new topic and we will be focusing on functional letter writing.

Ways you can support:

- Encouraging your child to line up independently
- Ensuring that only water is in water bottles
- Practice getting themselves organised for school at the beginning and end of the day – packing/unpacking school bag, jumpers, coats, lunch boxes, letters etc

Top Tips to support learning:

- Counting forwards and backwards as high as you can, starting from any number
- Looking for words in the environment and encouraging your child to sound out tricky words independently
- Encouraging imaginative play
- Encouraging your child to read for enjoyment or reading a story to them

P20 Term 2 Newsletter

Dear all parents and carers, I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and wishing you a very Happy New Year. I am excited to continue to be a part of your child's learning journey in 2020. We have started the term by thinking about our New Year goals and we continue as a class to work hard to make our learning environment one that fosters happy and successful individuals. In the classroom, we continue to reinforce the school values of being ready to learn, sharing, the importance of friendships and building resilience. I look forward to seeing you all at the parent consultations.

Class Charter

In P20 our class charter is based on the United Nations Rights of the Child. This underpins our 'Ready to Learn' policy in school where we have agreed to:

*Be Safe *Be Kind *Work Hard

Mrs Ormiston will ensure that we have:

- The right to go to school and learn (Article 28)
- The right to play (Article 31)
- The right to meet with other people and choose friends (Article 15)
- The right to be protected from harm (Article 19)

Topic

In topic, P20 have explored the religions of Christianity and Hinduism. The children contributed to discussions on religious stories and listened to the ideas and beliefs of others. We explored religious artefacts and made various pieces of artwork in the lead up to Christmas.

Our next topic is The Sun, Moon and Stars. This week the children have shared their knowledge about space and we have identified things that we would like to find out.

Specialist Teachers

This term we will have:

- Music on Thursdays with Mrs Callaghan
- P.E. on Thursdays with Miss Bertram
- Art on Mondays with Miss Welsh

P.E.

P.E. days this term are on Wednesday and Thursdays. Please ensure your child has a change of shoes, t-shirt and shorts, all labelled.

Twitter

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Homework

Homework will be sent out from the wk/beginning 20th January. It will be handed-out on a Monday and should be returned each Friday.

The homework tasks allow for flexibility in how your child practices their sounds, tricky words and number skills. If you have any questions about how to use the flashcards, then please just ask.

We will continue to visit the school library on Tuesdays. Please ensure books are returned each week so your child can continue to make use of library.