



I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and Happy New Year! Last term, we enjoyed...

We had a really busy time before Christmas. We have all settled into the routines of Year 1 and the children have been enjoying their learning. They particularly enjoy still having discovery time however we now call it COOL time (choosing our own learning). The children have become really independent at completing their challenges each week and take pride in getting their passports signed! In Science, Orange Class loved learning about seasonal change and the regular outdoor trips to check on the changes in our environment. In English, the children absolutely loved reading Harry the Happy Mouse. We learnt the story off by heart and spent time acting out the story and performing to the class. We then went on to change the story and write our own versions. We enjoyed learning about addition in Maths, particularly our number bonds to 10. The children enjoyed Art this term where we used paint and learnt how to mix primary colours to secondary colours and different drawing techniques. However, all of the children agreed that their favourite learning last term was the nativity. They loved performing on the stage and having you all there to watch!

This term, we are looking forward to...

We have another busy but exciting term coming up. In English, we will be learning how to write instructions and reading traditional tales. In Maths, we will carry on using the skills we learnt last term for addition and subtraction, but this term working with numbers up to 20. We will also be learning about length and height, as well as mass and volume. In Science, we will be putting our senses to the test by investigating different smells, tastes and sounds. In Art, we will be learning about printing and collage using fruit and vegetables which ties in nicely with our D&T topic which is making smoothies. The children are excited to plan and make their own smoothies. In Geography, we will learn about the 7 continents and complete case studies between Lancaster and the Ngorongoro Crater in Northern Tanzania.

Key Vocabulary

It would be useful if you could use these words at home and discuss the meaning/location. We will be using these words in our Geography lessons this term.

- Continent
- Country
- Asia
- Africa
- North America
- South America
- Antarctica
- Europe
- Australia
- North Pole
- South Pole

All children are on phase 5 phonics if you want to practise any tricky words or high frequency words at home.

Phonics game – Odd and Bob

<https://www.phonicsbloom.com/uk/game/odd-and-bob?phase=2>

Number bond game -

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Important days and dates

- PE is on a Monday so please can you ensure your child is dressed in full PE kit. Black trainers, school coloured t-shirt and joggers are ideal.
- We will also have PE on a Wednesday until February half term so please can your child come dressed appropriately.
- Mrs Noakes teaches Orange Class on a Thursday morning. This term she will be teaching music and D&T.
- We are organising a trip to Bolton FC travelling via train to fit in with last terms history topic of transport.