



Last half-term, we enjoyed...

practising for our nativity. We really liked the songs and learning all the actions. We were fantastic in all of our performances. We have been doing brilliantly at maths and loved using our imagination in Drawing Club. We enjoyed learning about different celebrations, and different ways people, countries and cultures celebrate. We loved that food was important as that meant we made different celebratory biscuits. We have loved it in the Wild Life area, especially when the Big Bad Wolf visited and we had a party with a fire and marshmallows. We also really enjoyed the pantomime and loved using props to pretend to be in Jack and the Bean stalk. We were amazed at the golden egg we found and thought it might hatch into a dragon.

This term, we are looking forward to...

Our next two topics are 'Magic Time Machine' and then 'When we grow up'. Our first topic is all about journeying into the past. We have started looking at the recent past and some old toys and other artefacts. We are making a magic time machine in our classroom where we keep all of our artefacts. We will be travelling to other eras depending on where our interest takes us, dinosaurs, stone-age, medieval or maybe even the future. We are interested in lots of natural things like rainbows, volcanoes, meteors and mythical beasts like unicorns and dragons and so we will see if we can learn more about these on our travels.

The topic after that will be all about growing so we will look at mini-beasts, have some eggs to incubate in the classroom and then care for the chicks as well as lots of planting and growing.

Key Vocabulary

- Topic words: history, old, ancient, new, modern, purpose, material
- Behaviour for learning vocabulary: confident, brave, resilient
- If your child watches TV, *Numberblocks* is an educational programme that helps mathematical understanding, and *Alphablocks* is good for phonics
- *One minute maths* app by White Rose Maths is another a good tool for helping mathematical understanding. If you would prefer to not use a screen, I can show you the type of activities they do.
- I have attached some general ideas for some home learning activities.

Important days and dates

PE is on a **Friday**. Children should be in an active uniform anyway so you shouldn't need to do anything extra for this (see the website for more info on uniform).

We check home-school communication books everyday. Reading books will be changed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Thank you for reading with your child as much as possible. It makes a huge difference to their progress and their future success at school. Please remember to record it in your home-school journal.

Parents meeting on 16th January and 23rd January

Chicks arriving in class on 26th February