

KS1 Newsletter

February 2019

What a brilliant start to our Spring topic!

We launched this term with the story of the explorer Phileas Fogg who travelled the world in 80 days. Since then, the children have been on their own voyage, learning about a new place each week. So far this term, the children have travelled through Europe and Asia exploring countries such as Norway, Germany, Poland, Russia, China and India. We have enjoyed looking at new landscapes and learning about new cultures. The children have also enjoyed sharing their own knowledge of their cultures and family lives.

KS1 team ☺

English

In English, we have been learning how to write information texts. Linking this to our topic 'Around the World', we enjoyed pretending to be travel agents, exploring holiday brochures and identifying features of non-fiction texts. We researched the country or city and wrote about activities, weather, transport and food.



Art

Our focus this term has been creating art using colour and patterns.

We used bold colours and patterns to create our own art work inspired by the Russian artist Wassily Kandinsky.

We also watched a dragon dance during Chinese New Year and designed our own dragons ensuring that we chose the correct size paint brushes.



"I used the colour red because it's a lucky colour in China." Year 2

"He was an abstract artist. He liked shapes and bright colours." Year 1



Parent learning lunches

This term KS1 invited their families in to complete some learning. Each class were looking at a different place we could visit on our trip around the world. We went to SAN Francisco, Paris and New York and studied their famous landmarks. Our first part of learning was researching facts about our chosen landmark and sketching it.

After lunch we discussed the materials used to build our landmarks and what makes it strong. Then we worked in teams to build a model using different resources. We all managed to make a landmark and were really proud of our creations. Thank you to the families that were able to come and join us!



Dates for next term

4.3.19 – Parents consultations

6.3.19 – Parents consultations

14.3.19 – Holly class assembly

20.3.19- SATS information sessions

21.3.19 – Birch class assembly

26.3.19 – KS1 trip to Noah's ark

28.3.19 - Chestnut class assembly

5.4.19 – End of term

Please keep up to date with the online diary on our school website.

New behaviour system

Our new behaviour structure was shared in our recent whole school newsletter and will begin next term. It has also been discussed with the children during assemblies and circle times. Rewarding the children with Golden Time for reading at home has had a positive effect, however, due to this being a non-negotiable the children will now be able to earn Golden Time as part of our new behaviour system. They will continue to receive certificates at the end of each week.

Year 2 SATs information sessions

The KS1 team will be holding two information sessions next term for the Year 2 SATs. They will take place on **20th March** at **9am** and **5pm**. The sessions will explain what SATs are, how they will be carried out and how you can support your child at home. There is no need to book for these sessions.

PE kit reminder



Just a reminder that the children will need to arrive to school in their PE uniforms on **Mondays** and **Thursdays**. Please ensure that long hair is tied up and earrings are removed or covered.

Please see our school website for our uniform list.