

This Week

It has been a fantastic second week to the term, the highlight being 'the 2 Steves' workshop and evening event yesterday. The children were mesmerised by the authors and their top tips for being a great writer. Another highlight was the discussion we had following the NSPCC assembly on Monday – the children showed such maturity and insight in their comments and questions. Finally it was wonderful to hear the children's ideas for individual and class small acts of kindness (discussed in family groups) so please let us know if you child carried out any random acts of kindness at home.

Maths and English

This week in maths we have been looking at different strategies for subtraction as well as exploring brackets and the order of operations BIDMAS (ask your child to explain!)

Next week in maths we will be looking at decimals (rounding, adding and subtracting and converting measures) **Pre-learning:** revise conversions between cm and m, m and km, g and kg, ml and L.

This week in English we continued our *Stories with Flashbacks* unit, exploring the short film *Replay*, in particular looking at how adverbials (of time, place and cause) can enhance our action writing – I was extremely impressed with the quality of writing.

Next week in English we will be writing written versions of *Replay*, hopefully using a few of the top tips shared by Steve and Steve. **Pre-learning:** revisit use of apostrophes (especially when to use in its and with plural possession) as many children are still finding this tricky.

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Home Learning

I loved reading the children's story openings for 'the 2 Steves' mission and I don't how Mrs Davies was able to select two winners as they were all so engaging. Well done Ollie and Sienna on being selected! The half term's home learning tasks are in their home learning books and should be handed in each Wednesday.

A new reading response task has been set linked to the learning we are doing in class about figurative language – this is in the reading logs with an example of how to set it out.

The spelling task this week is to find examples of the use of apostrophes:

- For omission eg can't instead of cannot
- For singular possession eg Kate's cake
- For plural possession eg the girls' paintings
- For words ending in s eg James's bag
- For its (only used for it is abbreviation, not for possession) eg it's sunny (NOT its nose was sore)
- For unusual examples eg the children's

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the snow if it arrives and sticks!

Mrs Watson, Miss Curtis and Mrs Storey

Proud Cloud and Fine diner

Our Proud Cloud this week is **Isaac** for putting in such a great effort to his 'the 2 Steves' mission in home learning and indeed all his wonderful writing this week.

Our fine diner this week is **Joshua** for initiating a coding club to provide an exciting activity for children at lunchtimes and for conducting it maturely and being a responsible, kind and polite role model during the lunchtime club.

Next Week

Next week we have our follow up NSPCC workshop linked to our ***Speak Out. Stay Safe.***

Assembly on Monday

You will receive on Monday a letter about our **exciting trip to the Science Museum in London on Wednesday 8th February** to explore the Wonderlab exhibit. Please return the trip consent form and make payment via Paypal by Monday 30th January.

We hope you read all the exciting information about our Festival of the Spoken Word and thank you for encouraging your child to read as much as possible as part of the sponsored read.