

This Week

There have been many highlights this week: completing and solving our science crime scene investigation; putting our dance ideas into a sequence to music in the hall (Industrial Revolution music from 2012 Olympics opening ceremony); welcoming, encouraging and celebrating Year 1 in our class as they shared their 'We're going to big school' stories; pouring water into different shaped and sized containers to practise reading scales in maths; working collaboratively to plan and sketch our Queen Victoria/Prince Albert collages; and generally just being super focused, engaged and enthusiastic with all their learning.

Maths and English

This week in maths the children have been exploring measures – converting between m and km, ml and L, g and kg as well as solving problems using a range of measures, metric and imperial. **Please encourage them to read scales at home on weighing scales and measuring jugs.**

Next week we will be investigating 3D shapes, in particular nets, as well as calculating the area and perimeter of 2D shapes.

In English we have continued our classic fiction topic, based on the Victorian book *Street Child* by Bertie Doherty.

We have developed our playscript writing skills and started looking at diary writing, planning how to turn part of the story into a diary.

Next week we will finish reading *Street Child* and will complete our diary writing from the point of view of the main character, Jim. We will then move onto recounts in the form of biography, writing about Dr Barnados (who was inspired to set up his charity by Jim, the main character in our story).

**Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the last few days of Autumn,
Mrs Watson, Miss Curtis and Mrs Goulbourne**

Shakespeare Class Newsletter

Friday 25th November

Home Learning

Please see this half term's home learning tasks in your child's home learning book.

This week we continue our reading response linked to our learning in English: dialogue and playscripts.

In addition, our spelling pattern next week is the **long oo sound**– please look out for these different graphemes (letter groups) for the same phoneme (sound) in your reading and talking and add other examples to the sheet.

Pre learning for maths – please talk to your child about the properties of 3D shapes around the home (number of vertices, edges, faces) as well as discussing area and perimeter (maybe you could measure the perimeter and calculate the area of your dining room table/ bed/garden?)

Pre-learning for English – we will be learning about biographies so it would be great if you could read a biography together (from the library or online at <https://www.turtlediary.com/biographies.html>) and discuss what it tells you and how effective it is at sharing information.

Proud Cloud and Fine diner

Our Proud Cloud this week is **Naomi** for her amazing enthusiasm and expression in our dance session this week – really responding to the music and working enthusiastically and collaboratively in her team.

Our fine diner this week is **Jamie** for his permanently cheerful, polite and helpful manner in the lunch hall, playground and all around school.

Next Week

Next week we will be enjoying a visit from **our local police officer** on **Wednesday afternoon** to talk to us about legal and illegal drugs as part of our PSHE topic (he couldn't come this week as planned!)

Heartwood Forest Trip

On Thursday next week (**1st December**) we are going to Heartwood Forest on our school trip between 1 and 3pm. Parent helpers will get a note in their child's link book next week with details, thank you in advance. All children are to bring a change of clothes for the trip and are to come into school in their school uniform. **All children MUST have a waterproof coat, waterproof trousers, wellies and gloves.** There is a high chance it will rain next week and we will be going in whatever weather.

Christmas Dates

The festive season is nearly upon us and we have many exciting events lined up!

Friday 2nd December (pm) we are welcoming parents into the classroom to help us decorate. Please let myself or our parent reps know if you are able to help. Please can we ask for donations of Christmas decorations to make our classroom bright and festive. We would be grateful for anything – tinsel, baubles, a Christmas tree, ornaments. Thank you!

Friday 9th December (pm) some children will be going to the local pantomime, those staying in school will be having a festive event. School will finish at the slightly later time of 2.30pm. **Wednesday 14th December** – KS1 Christingle Service held in the school hall during the afternoon. Time to be confirmed.

Friday 16th December – Christmas Jumper Day! Please come wearing your Christmas jumpers.

Monday 19th December – KS1 Christmas party (pm). Children are welcome to bring party clothes in a named plastic bag to change into during the afternoon. Please can all children 'bring a plate'. This is a disposable plate wrapped in cling film with a few festive snacks on for your child to enjoy during the afternoon. Please no nuts.

Tuesday 20th December – Christmas lunch