

This Week

One of our highlights this week was welcoming a local police officer in to talk to the children about drugs awareness as part of our drugs education unit in PSHE. We discussed: types of illegal drugs; classification of illegal drugs; effects of illegal drugs; and consequences of taking or supplying drugs in terms of the law. The children participated in the discussion responsibly and curiously and most importantly linked the discussion to our prior learning about peer pressure and how to say no.

Another highlight was tree planting at Heartwood Forest – lovely to be outdoors in the fresh air and sunshine whilst helping our community and the environment.

Maths and English

This week in maths the children explored the relationship between metric and imperial measures – converting between miles and km, pints and ml and pounds and ounces and g. They also learnt how to find the area of triangles and parallelograms and finally they made Christmas decorations using nets for 3D shapes. **Please continue to discuss metric and imperial measures at home as the children found the topic tricky and fascinating in equal measure!**

Next week we will be comparing, ordering, adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators.

In English we have continued our classic fiction topic, based on the Victorian book *Street Child* by Bertie Doherty. Having written a diary extract last week from Jim's point of view, this week we wrote one from Mr Spink's point of view to reflect different perspectives. We then started our biography unit, looking at the key features of biographies and researching and planning for our own biographies on Dr Barnados, who was inspired by the true story of Jim.

Next week we will finish, edit and improve our biographies.

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Home Learning

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

This week we have a new reading response activity linked to biographies due in on Wednesday 14th December.

In addition, our spelling pattern next week is the **long i 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 revise fractions, in particular converting fractions with different denominators to have the same denominator using common multiples.

Pre-learning for English – we will be doing SATS papers so revising word types would be great (noun, verb, adjective, adverb, main clause, subordinate clause, relative clause, relative pronoun, pronoun, conjunction, preposition, synonym, antonym, determiner, prefix, suffix) The following website may help:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling_grammar/word_types/read/1/

http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Flash.aspx?b=english/compound_complex

Proud Cloud and Fine diner

Our Proud Cloud this week is **Anthony** for an excellent attitude to learning, showing an excellent growth mindset trying to improve in all areas of the curriculum.

Our fine diner this week is **Caoihme** for her positivity and smiles all week which have lit up the lunch hall and the classroom.

Next Week

Next week we are going on our trip to the **Dickens Museum on Tuesday 6th December, 9.30 – 3pm**. Please remember to send in a packed lunch.

On Wednesday 7th December we have an RE JUMP workshop linked to our Christmas topic.

On Thursday 8th December we are watching the Reception nativity in the afternoon.

On **Friday 9th December it is panto afternoon**. If you are heading to the St Alban's panto with FOHA please collect your child at 12.20pm. If your child is staying in school, they will be treated to a performance of Christmas Carol in school.

In amongst all that fun we will be having a **mock SATS week** so the children and teachers can hopefully celebrate all the progress the children have made this term as well as planning effectively for next term. The papers will be marked and results sent home to give you an idea of the progress they have made this term and their next steps.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the start of Winter, Mrs Watson, Miss Curtis and Mrs Goulbourne