

This week

The highlight this week has been our baking afternoon, researching and baking Victoria sponge cake in preparation for the bake sale. Oscar provided a range of recipes, I set out the available equipment and ingredients and the children worked independently and collaboratively – I was so proud of them.

Our Proud Cloud this week is **Annabel** for bravely creating and sharing a presentation to tell us all about her recently diagnosed epilepsy and leading a whole session on the subject- a wonderful mini teacher.

Our fine diner this week is **Alice**, nominated by the lunchtime ATs, for always role modelling beautiful manners and setting a great example to the rest of the school.

Maths and English

This week in maths the children have been exploring efficient methods of addition and subtraction (when it is more efficient to use a number and count on than to use column method subtraction) as well as solving problems such as missing gap puzzles and what's gone wrong?

Next week in maths we will be looking at fractions and then linking it to ratio and scaling in preparation for our smoothie making activity as part of Feel Good week.

In English we have finished our *Cogheart* story writing topic, focusing on effective story endings. I was so impressed with how many children grasped the concept of lulling the reader into a false sense of security before ending with an unexpected event/shock. We have also explored the use of colons for lists or to add examples/explanations.

Next week we will start our three week non-chronological report topic, looking at the key features of this genre.

Shakespeare Class

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Friday 30th September

Home Learning

We loved reading the children's alternative chapters for *Cogheart*, their creative ideas and poetic language is a joy to read.

There is a new reading response activity for the next two weeks linked to non-chronological reports.

In addition, our spelling focus for next week will be homophones, words that sound the same but are written differently eg write and right, witch and which – please look out for these words in your everyday life and discuss them to help the children remember which is which.

Next Week

Next week is Feel Good week and we will be enjoying lots of exciting learning opportunities from story telling to drumming to science workshops.

We will also be reading our Victorian stories to Year 3 to put our storytelling skills into practise.

I am currently taking part in a 4 week course on Mindfulness in schools so will be sharing strategies and ideas with the children throughout Feel Good week and beyond!

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy your cakes!
Mrs Watson, Miss Curtis and Mrs Goulbourne.

PE

The children continue to enjoy their invasion games sessions with Mr Walker from Samuel Ryder. In dance this week we explored different ways of travelling to add to the learning we've previously done on turns, twists and jumps. Next week we will start putting together a routine to music.

Topic

This week we explored the Victorian topic box that we have on loan from Hertford museum. The children handled the artefacts, thinking about what they were, what they would have been used for and what they told us about Victorian life. They then chose their favourite artefact and researched it further, finally producing an information card about it. We also learnt all about the Victoria Sponge cake and practised new cooking skills: creaming and folding.

Handwriting

We are having a big focus in school on handwriting. The teachers all had training this week and we are now doing daily handwriting with the children, learning each letter in order and focusing in particular on all our lower case letters being the same size, all our ascenders (tall letters) being the same height and all our descenders (letters dropping down) being the same length below the line. Please see reverse for the cursive style we are using.