

Feeling Good Week

We have had a **fabulous** week of feeling good:

- Crick Crack storytelling followed by using the skills we'd learnt to share our Victorian stories with Year 3 in the sunshine;
- Circus skills workshop where we were challenged to throw and spin a ladle, holding a ball, in the air;
- Science workshop where we made and flew rockets;
- Smoothie making (linked to ratio learning in maths)
- Drumming workshop, where we made lots of noise!

We have also been exploring and comparing children's wellbeing - physical and mental – in the Victorian era and 21st century.

We have been learning mindfulness techniques to help us 'be in the moment' and take time to calm and still our bodies and minds: mindful eating (chocolate), mindful smelling (orange peel) and mindful colouring! Please ask your child to share some of these at home.

Maths and English

This week in maths the children have been exploring fractions and using their knowledge of common factors and multiples to find equivalent fractions and to simplify fractions. This led onto using ratios to create smoothie recipes.

Next week in maths we will be looking at efficient calculation methods for multiplication and division.

In English we have started our new unit on non-chronological reports. We have read a variety of reports linked to our Victorian topic; we have identified how writers make the reports both informative and interesting.

Next week we will research, plan and start to write our own non chronological reports based on a topic that has inspired us: enthused by our trip to the Foundling Museum.

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Home Learning

Thank you to everyone who handed in their home learning this week – we've so enjoyed looking at the creative ways in which the children have researched and presented their wellbeing and mindfulness ideas.

This week the reading response activity to identify the key features of non-chronological reports continues.

In addition, there is colon/semi colon activity as this has been our SPAG focus for the week. The activity is to highlight all colons, semi colons, bullet points and hyphens on this newsletter (: ; and -) and explain why they have been used.

Spellings for next week continue to be homophones and words that are easily confused.

Next Week

On Tuesday we will be going on our trip to the Foundling Museum to find out more about the UK's first children's charity and life at the Foundling Hospital in Victorian times. We will leave after registration and return to school **just after 4pm**. Please remember to send your child with a nut-free packed lunch - preferably in a disposable bag – along with a warm, waterproof jacket.

Over the next two weeks we will be looking at some SATs papers with the children to start to familiarise them with the format as well as informing our planning for next half term.

Proud Cloud and Fine diner

Our Proud Cloud this week is Ollie for always making those around him feel good thanks to his incredibly positive attitude to learning and being an active learner: asking and answering questions; working well in a team; responding brilliantly to feedback; and always smiling.

Our fine diner this week is Reuben for always role modelling lovely table manners and, in particular, for sitting with younger children and engaging with them throughout lunch.

PE

This week the children used the skills they have been learning in our dance sessions to plan and teach a dance lesson to the Reception children. They were amazing mini teachers: explaining clearly; encouraging enthusiastically; and giving meaningful feedback to the younger children.

PLEASE ENSURE PE KIT IS IN SCHOOL MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS – THANK YOU!

Outdoor Learning

As the weather gets colder and possibly damper, please ensure that your child has waterproof clothing and wellies in school every day so we can learn outdoors.

Our class rules

At the start of term we created a set of class rules together – I have included them on the back of the newsletter so you can see what we have all agreed will make our classroom a wonderful learning environment.

**Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the joys of Autumn!
Mrs Watson, Miss Curtis and Mrs Goulbourne**