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FOXES AND SQUIRRELS

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you had a lovely Christmas with your families.

We are very proud of the children who have settled back beautifully into Nursery and have been keen to tell us their news from the holidays. Please feel free to send in any photos that the children can share. This week, we have started to look at 'Winter' and talking about what to wear in different kinds of weather.

A gentle reminder to keep packed lunches healthy and please remember to label water bottles, lunch boxes etc.

Many Thanks, The Nursery Team

RECEPTION

It has been lovely hearing all about the children's holiday news this week. Thank you for helping with the homework task so that the children could show pictures of their Christmas break to their friends and teachers.

We have started a new story this week 'The Naughty Bus.' It is about a toy London Bus. We have talked about London being our capital city, where London is and what we could see in London.

In Maths, we have focused on the number 5. We have explored what the number 5 looks like, how we can make the number 5 and what is one more and one less than the number 5. Next week, we will focus on the number 6.

YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2

Year 1

Literacy

This week we have introduced our new book *The Lion Inside*. We made predictions about the text based on the front cover and the blurb on the back. We looked at the setting and worked in groups to write words and sentences about what we could see.

Maths

This week in Maths we have been focusing on tens and ones. The children have been identifying which digit represents the ten and which digit represents the one. We have used a variety of resources to show number and values of numbers this week through practical activities.

Foundation Subjects

We have begun to learn about Plants in Science. This week, we have observed real life plants and bulbs and named the parts of a plant, discussing each role in the plants survival. In Art, we have introduced work by Paul Klee and the children have recreated his artwork, using a variety of shapes and graphite pencils.

Year 2

We would like to start by wishing you all a Happy New Year and we hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break. The children have come back full of enthusiasm for the term ahead and have settled back into their routines really well.

This week, the children have been learning about equal groups in Maths and looking at Victorian life.

Next week, they will be learning:

- To use arrays to help learn about multiplication
- About the Victorians and writing in response to our new book 'Major Glad, Major Dizzy'

Thank you for helping the children produce such amazing Victorian homework.

YEAR 3 AND YEAR 4

Year 3

A huge welcome back to all Y3 children. It was lovely to hear about their exciting, fun filled Christmas holidays! An enormous thank you for the generous gifts received by the Y3 staff. Your kindness and thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

In Literacy, we have begun focusing on our narrative, 'Winter's child' by Angela McAllister. We have written our own poems using expanded noun phrases, and compiled short stories based on our predictions from the front cover.

With Maths, we have continued looking at corresponding division facts. Next week, we will be exploring formal written methods for multiplication.

Today, you should have received log in details for 'Spelling Shed', a new programme to support your child's spelling ability, along with a help sheet. Please try it with your child, and report any problems you have logging in to your child's class teacher.

Year 4

Happy New Year and welcome back! The Y4 children have had a lovely week settling back in and we enjoyed hearing about their holidays. In Maths, we are focusing on multiplication and division. We have looked at the 6 times tables and their related division facts and we are becoming very quick at answering our questions! In Literacy, the children have been introduced to our new text, 'Zeraffa Giraffa' and have enjoyed looking at different sentence structures.

Could the children please bring in some cardboard boxes, newspaper, plastic bottles and kitchen roll tubes (please no toilet roll) for a special design task by the end of next week!

YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6

Year 5

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely relaxing Christmas. Y5 have had a super first week back and have settled back into routine really well. In Maths, we have been looking at multiplying numbers together using both the grid method and the short column method. Please encourage your child to continue to learn their times tables as that will really help them with all areas of Maths.

In Literacy, we have made predictions about what is going to happen in our new book, 'The Hunter', and have made up our own stories using the characters from the front cover. We look forward to reading the story - the children will really enjoy it.

Thanks for your continued support. Y5 team

Year 6

Welcome back Y6!

This week in Maths, we have been multiplying and dividing decimals by 10, 100 and 1000. Next week, we will be continuing to investigate decimals and looking at decimals as fractions.

In Literacy, we have been working hard on spelling, punctuation and grammar. We have investigated possessive apostrophes, sentence types and punctuation of direct speech. Next week, we will be focusing on our new, exciting text – *The Selfish Giant*.

Additionally, some Y6 students from each class had the opportunity to go and plant trees in Elm Grove Park and contribute positively to the local community. Well done to those of you who took part!

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

PLEASE NOTE THAT NEXT WEEK WILL BE WEEK 2 ON THE LUNCH MENU.



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GIRL GUIDES

Your local Girl Guides and Rainbows groups are looking for adult volunteers who can offer help with accounts, assist leaders with groups or even to run your own unit. We have many units across Ellesmere Port who would be grateful of any help received. No experience is required, we will give training in everything you may need and support you all the way. Please contact Kris on kristianclarke@gmail.com or call 07850249486.

CROSS COUNTRY

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CROSS COUNTRY EVENT AT LITTLE SUTTON PRIMARY SCHOOL IS ON **SATURDAY 19TH JANUARY 2019** AND NOT 12TH JANUARY AS PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED.

Reminders

- Tuesday 15th January, Class 14 last Swimming session
- Tuesday 22nd January, Class 15 First Swimming Session.

GREEN TOKEN PROGRAMME

Asda in Ellesmere Port have very kindly offered to put Woodlands on their Green Token board for 3 months to help raise money towards a defibrillator for our Infant Site. Please help us raise money by voting in store each time you visit the Ellesmere Port store. Please see how to make your vote below:-

How to make your vote



Visit store

Visit your local Asda store which is running the Green Token Giving Programme.



Collect a token

Once at the checkout, make sure you receive your Green Token from the cashier.



Make a vote

When leaving the store, make a vote by placing your green token into one of the three nominated slots.

Thank you for your support.

Cheshire West & Chester Council

Grosvenor Museums Explorers

Natural Cheshire Gallery, 1st Floor Grosvenor Museum, Chester, CH1 2DD

Free of Charge
(Donations welcome)

Join us for these exciting sessions based in our new Natural Cheshire gallery, aimed at ages 2-4 years (younger siblings welcome).

We'll be exploring nature's changing seasons and discovering lots of surprising things from the past through play, crafts, stories and songs.

Facilities on site:
Buggy parking available
Baby changing
Please note there is stair access only to Natural Cheshire Gallery

Arrive 9.50am for session 10-11am on:
Monday, 14 January
Monday, 11 February
Monday, 11 March
Monday, 13 May

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There's something for everyone at West Cheshire Museums



Little Lions Explorer Club

Free. 9.30-11am

- Friday 25 January
- Friday 1 February
- Friday 8 February
- Friday 15 February
- Friday 1 March
- Friday 8 March
- Friday 15 March

Calling all Little Lions to discover, play and create. Come and join our Early Years Explorer Club, aimed at ages 2-4 (younger siblings welcome). Through sensory exploration, art and craft activities, stories and songs, we will look at how our local landscape changes as winter passes into spring, and how this affects plants and animals. Bring your old clothes - things might get messy!

