

## **Primary Weekly Brief**

Week Commencing the 2nd January 2024



#### WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LEARNING THIS WEEK?



What a wonderful, exciting first week back! Mrs Snyman and Ms Sonique couldn't believe how much we had grown in height and confidence over the holidays. In Phonics, we learned that words consist of different sounds put together. We began exploring the "s" sound and words that begin with it. In Maths, we started to look at different ways to subitise three.



Happy New Year to our brilliant Bats and Butterflies! We have had such an exciting start back, diving straight into our learning. In maths, we have begun to study the Place Value of 20, focusing this week on 11, 12 and 13. There was a mystery left in our central area for the children to challenge their inner detective in preparation for our next English topic 'Hermlin'. In science, we explored the season of Winter and brought Winter to our classroom by creating art, making snow and drinking hot chocolate. In DT, we started our new topic of food and nutrition by a taste test of a variety of bread! Well done Year 1, what a fantastic start to our new term!



Welcome back! It has been an exciting start to the new term and everyone has settled in wonderfully! In English, we started our new topic on the book - The rhythm of the rain. In Science, we have been learning all about fossils! However our most exciting topic has been learning all about Chocolate! Year 3 have started to read Charlie and the chocolate factory and we had the chance to taste different types of chocolate! Well-done year 3!

## Reception

Welcome back Koalas and Tigers! What a great first week back! It has been so wonderful listening to all your exciting stories about what you've been up to over the holidays. In maths, we have been recapping our number bonds to 5 with the 5 little monkeys. In phonics, we have been revising our phase 2 sounds! We have laughed, played and shared with our amazing friends whom we all missed dearly!



Welcome back Year Two! We have had a wonderful three days back at school and we have enjoyed exploring our new topics for this half term. In English, we have used our imagination to envision what our main character may look like by reading a description. We have applied our number knowledge in Maths to identify a range of coins. In Science, we have revisited our Year One learning on plants and we will be applying this knowledge in future scientific enquiry!



Happy New Year Otterguars! What a great first week back. We have gotten straight into our lessons and explored information all about polar bears during our English lessons! In Maths, we have tackled dividing by 10 and 100. In DT, we had a taste test to help us use food descriptors and describe the texture, smell and taste of each food item. What a week in Year 4!



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Welcome back Year 5. It has been brilliant to have the students back ready for the Spring Term.

In Maths, we have recapped our learning of fractions including adding mixed numbers. In English and Reading we have introduced our new texts, which are on the theme of the slave trade. In Science, we started our new unit. Let's have an amazing term!



Year 1: Has been learning to say affirmative and negative sentences linked to fruits. Year 2: Has been learning about work places linked to professions. Year 3: Has been learning to say what they have in their classroom. Year 4: Has been learning the parts of the house. Year 5: Has been doing research about Spain.

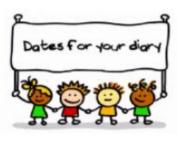
Year 6: Has been learning the numbers to 1000.



Welcome back Year 6! We've started our Spring Term with some fantastic pieces of work. In English, we began our writing unit on Informative Texts by completing a Cold Task on an animal of our choosing. We were introduced to our Maths topic of ratio and the relationship between numbers to find balance. In Foundation, we explored the geography of North America for our Civil Rights Movement topic. Well done!



This week Primary students have been playing Hello game, High and low game, body percussion beats, percussion instruments. We were learning musical notation, musical elements, instruments of the orchestra (woodwind and brass family), listening to the sound of the instruments and trying to understand the difference. Students have been practising singing different melodies with SolFa hand signs. We have also sung a variety of songs such as 'Hello Song', 'Sunflower', 'Pet the Cat'.



2nd January- School Opened for Spring Term. Sunday 4th Feb- Stop and Share (Year 1 - 6) Tuesday 6th Feb- Parent Consultations Saturday 10th Feb- Wakra Spring Fayre Monday 12th Feb- School closes for half-term break Sunday 18th Feb- School opens for Spring 2

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These children have had their birthday this week

Marley Engely Zeinab Ibrahim Abdalla Refaa Al-Shahwani Damien Gamage Mokshita Padhan Daniel Pulikkottil Cayden Chin Janna Fauzana Ali Al-Sayed



We wish all our community a happy, healthy and prosperous 2024. As the world becomes more divided it is important that we continue to work together in peace, support and harmony to give the children the best educational experience.





A reminder about the school's policy on healthy eating: snacks should be fruit or cereals and plain milk or water. Lunch should be balanced with foods not high in fat or sugar. As always, there are to be no nut products as we have children and adults who are severely allergic.

We understand that children will want to wear cold-weather clothing as the weather turns cooler. Once the children have gone to class, they can only wear DBS branded fleeces or jumpers during lesson time. At break and lunch, children can wear coats if they wish.





3D Giraffe	Nazeeha Hifzhiya
3B Panda	Devaj Patel
4D Otter	Zainab Al-Jelabi
4B Jaguar	Eva Janith
6D Starfish	Avani Ambre
6B Wolf	Joud Alkhenji

# Thank You