

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and are ready for 2018! A huge thank you for all the lovely Christmas presents and cards – I've been well and truly spoiled!

The Tigers settled in beautifully in Autumn and had a great term, topped off with their fantastic performance of 'Lights Camel Action'. I think we have a few budding actors & actresses in our class!

In the Spring term, we become a little bit more formal, introducing topic lessons and guided reading. I am trying out a new way of teaching guided reading, as a whole class using the technique **VIPERS**. **V**ocabulary, **I**nfer, **P**redict, **E**xplain, **R**etrieve and **S**equence. So far they have inspired some great discussions.

In **Literacy** our book this half term is Elmer! We will be particularly focussing on the structure of stories with a beginning, middle and ending. By the end of the term we will be authors of our own adventure stories!

In **Maths** we started off the term with time and will be learning numbers up to 50 (adding and subtracting) introducing place value (tens and ones).

17th Century England & The Great Fire of London (1666)

We are travelling back in time this year to the 1600s, where we will learn about life in the 17th Century, tasting food and drinks they had at that time, playing typical children's games and recreating the fashions. Next half term we will learn about the famous Great Fire, so in anticipation of this we are going to compare fire fighting in the 17th Century with modern day.

In **Art and DT**, we cannot wait to make our own houses typical of the 17th Century, thinking about building materials, textures and colours.

Our **Science** focus this term is all about plants, so we will be setting up our planting station in the outdoor area and fingers crossed growing some veggies! We would love to encourage more wildlife to come in to our area so if you would like to donate any fat balls or bird seeds, feeders that would be really appreciated.

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The Great Fire of London (1666)

PE

PE is on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**. Please make sure your child has suitable clothes and footwear for PE indoors and outdoors. We have very limited spares at school.

Snack time

Fruit and vegetables are provided at break times and if your child would like milk please provide them with 50p.

HOME LEARNING

Firstly, thank you for all your support with home learning – it has been great to see and hear about what you have been getting up to.

Reading buckets are the same as last term – and books will only be changed if they are in the yes box – we are slowly getting into the routines 😊. I am so impressed with all you keen readers and I've decided to start a **READING COMPETITION**. For the **bronze** award = 10 books. **Silver** award = 20 books. **Gold** award = 30 books by the Easter break, starting from January. **GAME ON!**

As well as reading, I will be sending home weekly spellings of the Year 1 high frequency words (see spelling sheet). Spelling test every **Monday**.