

Bumblebee Class newsletter – terms 3 & 4



Dear families,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a relaxing Christmas holiday. We would like to thank you for all the Christmas cards, gifts and good wishes we received in December.

Our topic this term is 'Bright lights, big city!' During this topic we will learn about the physical and human characteristics of the UK, including a detailed exploration of the features of London.

In English we will link our writing to our topic of 'Bright lights, big city!' We will read a variety of books about cities and London, including Michael Bond's A Bear Called Paddington, James Mayhew's Katie in London, and This is London by Miroslav Sasek. Our writing will focus on postcards, adventure narratives, and using imperative verbs to write instructions.

In maths we will be deepening our understanding of addition and subtraction, learning to calculate with larger numbers using a variety of methods. We will also cover geometry and money.

In art we will develop the printing skills we explored last term, by producing our own collagraph stamps and prints. Music will be explored via our cities topic, and we will also learn about the genre of rap. Our focus in PSHE will be dreams and goals, and in RE we will be exploring Humanism.

Please continue to read with your child/ren every day. It makes such a difference to their ability to progress across all subjects at school – even focussing on one page in detail is valuable (please don't feel you need to complete a book every day), as is re-reading books, which is why you might spot familiar titles in your child's book back from time to time! Some children have now moved on to our Accelerated Reader scheme – additional letters and log-on details have been sent out explaining how the scheme works. Please continue to send reading books and yellow reading records into school every day, so we can change books/review Accelerated Reader quiz outcomes/pick up any issues in a timely way.

Further details regarding this term's homework will be sent out shortly. In the meantime, please could all purple homework books be returned to school so we can update them with this term's activities.

The children have two P.E. lessons a week, on Monday and Wednesday. The Wednesday lesson is with our Team Theme coach. Please ensure that your child has a full, named PE kit in school. For health and safety reasons, children wearing earrings will not be able to participate in P. lessons, so please ensure earrings are removed on our PE days.

Please do not hesitate to speak to me if you have any questions, and thank you for your continued support. I am sure we will have an amazing term, with lots of wonderful work to share with you as we progress!

Kind regards,

Mrs Ellis-Jones, Mrs Applegate and Miss Borthwick

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Diary Dates

Tuesday 16th January – in-school drama workshops

Thursday 25th January – trip to Teynham library (x15 children)

Thursday 1st February – trip to Teynham library (x15 children)

Tuesday 6th February – KS1 film night

Tuesday 6th February – year 2 assembly

Friday 9th February – reports sent home

Friday 9th February – end of term