

# Cleobury Mortimer Primary School

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Enjoying and Achieving Together

## Class News

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### Ducklings

We would like to wish you all a very happy New Year and hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. We have really enjoyed hearing about the children's holidays and presents, it has been great to see so many of the children eager to share and stand and tell the class in circle time. We have recapped our counting and making numbers as well as listening to and singing our favourite nursery rhymes. We were lucky enough to get some snow, so we were straight outside to watch it fall and try to catch snowflakes. The children really liked seeing how the water trays had frozen and how they could break the ice (even if it did make our hands very cold!!). Some of the children experimented with playdough by mixing in paint to see if they could make different colours, which was a great success. We will be looking at the people who help us next week, so I am sure that the children will be full of questions for you all.

### Fox

I hope you have all had a good Christmas and a happy new year. It has been lovely to hear all about the children's Christmas presents and what they have been doing during the holidays. Since we have been back at school, we have been recapping on our phase 2 phonic sounds and have been remembering how to write our name correctly. In maths we have been continuing to work with numbers to 5 and practise how to write the numbers. In our topic work we have been looking at winter, we have painted winter pictures and been talking about the words associated with winter.

### Squirrel

Welcome back to Squirrel Class! I hope that you have all had a wonderful Christmas break! The children have settled back into school really well and have enjoyed talking about their Christmas holidays. We have all had chance to talk about the presents that we had for Christmas, as well as what we got up to during the holidays- it sounds like everyone had a wonderful time.

This week we have been recapping our phase 2 phonics and it has been great to see that the children have remembered all of their sounds. We have also been listening to the children read and that too has been impressive. In maths we have recapped numbers and number representations to 5 using the practical equipment. Next week, we are looking forward to moving on to learning the number 6 and what that looks like as a digit and as a representation.

Year 1 children have been busy writing lists of what they had for Christmas, as well as a short recount about what they did in the holidays. Next week, we are moving onto our new story 'Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?'. In maths we have begun counting in multiples of 2. This has been a challenge and we will continue to work on this until we are secure.

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## **Badger**

I hope that everyone has had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The children have settled back into school routines very quickly and have been enthusiastic with their learning this week. We have revised addition and solved some tricky reasoning and problem solving questions in maths. In English we found a penguin in our book corner! We have tried to describe him using adjectives in our sentences so that hopefully his owner can find him. In topic lessons we are exploring Antarctica, we have looked at artists called Linda Lang and Nerys Levy who paint pictures from Antarctica which was very interesting. I hope that everyone has a lovely weekend.

## **Hedgehog**

Happy New Year.

The children have settled back into school well and have enjoyed sharing information about their Christmas presents with the class. It is wonderful to hear the excitement in their voices as they confidently share their Christmas news.

The children have really enjoyed coming back to school and seeing their friends.

We have started our new English topic which is about traditional tales. There was great excitement when we explored watermelons to help us learn about adjectives and similes.

In maths, we have been using a number line to add two, two-digit numbers and the children are already becoming much quicker at adding numbers mentally. The ability to add numbers mentally and quickly will help the children as they progress through school.

In topic, we have started to learn about The Great Fire of London and the children enjoyed exploring hot and colours to create dramatic fire pictures.

Thank you for your continued support.

## **Rabbit**

It has been lovely to see everybody back after the Christmas break. We began the week by recapping the times tables we explored before Christmas. We have come to the end of The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. Over the next few guided reading lessons, we will explore the text in more detail before writing a book review detailing what we liked and disliked about the story. We continue to explore our new topic - the Stone Age. We identified where the Stone Age fits into a timeline of British history. As we begin 2022, we explored how people around the world commemorate and welcome in the New Year. We created a piece of artwork based on a firework display, a way of celebrating the New Year that we discovered was common around the world. We enjoyed working with Mrs Giles once more. She taught us how to identify different musical note values, helping us to put them into a song. Please ensure PE kits are back in school for next week.

## **Hare**

It has been lovely to see all the children back in class this week and to hear all about how they spent Christmas.

This week in English we have been learning how to recognise apostrophes and also how to extract important information from text.

On Thursday morning, we had our ukulele lesson with Mrs Giles. We have started to learn a new song which requires us to play two different chords and also use the plectrum that Mrs Giles gave us before Christmas.

In Maths we have been recapping our times tables using a variety of different methods and have also used games to help test our memories.

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## **Kestrel**

I hope you have had a lovely Christmas break. The children have had a good first couple of days back and myself and Mrs Auger have enjoyed hearing all about their exciting holidays they all have had. This term in Talk for reading we will be studying the novel 'My Friend Walter' by the author Michael Morpurgo. In maths, we have started our second multiplication and division unit where we will be working towards multiplying and dividing 4-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers. Kestrel class will be finishing our topic of the Tudors and continuing to develop our sewing skills by creating our very own Tudor pouches.

## **Mole**

I hope you all had a good rest over the holidays and wish you a Happy New Year. It has been lovely to see the children back this week and hear so much excitement about their Christmas break. We are starting the new term learning about decimals in maths, which the children have enjoyed doing. Some of this work involves calculating with money, which the children relate to very well. In literacy, we are starting new topics based on a short story and a poem. I have set new homework for Purple Mash and MyMaths, so please remind your child to complete these tasks each week as well as the usual spellings and timetables. I hope that the children settle back into the routines quickly and enjoy the next term in school.

## **Deer**

Happy New Year. We hope you had a lovely Christmas and managed to stay safe over the holidays. Thank you for our Christmas gifts, they were wonderful and very kind of you all. Deer Class have returned ready to work and have enjoyed starting their new Science topic on Evolution. They worked on laptops to research all about the famous scientist Charles Darwin. They also started a new art topic, learning about the work of Kandinsky. The children learnt about abstract art and what it can look like. They then took on the challenge to try and create their own abstract art. In Maths, they have started to learn about reflections and how to reflect a 2D shape on a co-ordinates grid. In English, we have started a poetry unit and had lots of fun playing poetry games this week.

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# Stars of the week!

This week's 'Stars of the Week' are:

Deer

Mole

Kestrel

Hare

Rabbit

Hedgehog

Badger

Squirrel

Fox

Duckling

Paige B

Paige W

Oliver

Ffion

Alisa

Lucas

Agnes

Malachi

Elizabeth

Tony

Jessica

Freddie L

Daisy H

Zosia

Olivia

Cameron

Raegan

Riley

Alfie B

Many congratulations to you all!

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