



Attendance: 97.7%

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We are now in the season of Advent and the school certainly has that Christmas feeling - we have the Advent wreath in the reception area; three lovely Christmas trees on display and next week on the 11th December we have our Santa Dash in the morning before Christmas lunch and Christmas "Jumper Day" and this morning we had our first taste of seasonal weather! Next week, a group of our Year 6 children will be going to St Mary Magdalen Church to record a carol service (with no congregation) which will also be live streamed and will be available on our school website.

What a busy term we have had in Year 1! In Science, we started by learning about ourselves, naming body parts and our senses. We moved onto learning about animals and classifying them as mammals, birds, fish, amphibians and reptiles. We looked at their body parts and compared two different animals. On-going is a weekly visit to a tree in the school grounds to observe the changes it is going through. We make a note of the weather and any changes we have spotted and this is going to continue throughout the year. Linking to our animal topic, the children created a nest in our art lessons and made a papier mâché owl.



In English, the whole school looked at 'Here we are' by Oliver Jeffers and then we focused on 'One day on our blue planet in the Savannah'. The children really enjoyed learning about lions through a fictional text and were able to use the language from the book in their own work. This half term, the children have imagined that they were around in 1666 and witnessing the Great Fire of London. They have written their experiences in diary form just like Samuel Pepys. Over the next two weeks, we hope to make Tudor houses and re-enact the Great Fire (safely).

In Maths, we have focused on place value, addition, and subtraction. The children are becoming more confident in using the tens frames and part whole models to work out answers and some are starting to explain how they have reached an answer.



Currently, we are rehearsing for our Nativity play and learning Makaton signs for the songs. In fact, they are doing better than me.

I am very proud of what the children have achieved this half term.

Our Gospel Values

Courage
 Creativity
 Forgiveness
 Generosity
 Humility
 Joy
 Perseverance
 Stewardship

Executive Headteacher
Mrs Sandvig

Head of School Mrs Martin

SENCO Mrs Silke-Cooper

Our Classes

Rainbows Miss Aldous
Mrs Iannelli Mrs Abbott

Class 1 Mrs Thackeray
Mrs Durston

Class 2 Mrs Jones & Mrs Smith
Mrs Tella

Class 3 Mrs Rafferty
Mrs Dowsing

Class 4 Ms Hughes
Mrs Tooke

Class 5 Mr Grimwood
Ms Borley

Class 6 Mr McGill
Mrs Catalanotto



TERM DATES

Autumn Term

Last day 18th December 2020

Christmas Holiday

19th December to 3rd January 2021

Spring Term

4th January to 26th March 2021

Half Term

15th February to 19th February 2021

Please note 4th January is a non pupil day—school re-opens on

5th January 2021

Administrative Officer
Mrs Cork

Administrative Assistant
Mrs Ransome

Business Manager
Mrs Pettit

Caretaker
Mr Scopes

Midday Supervisor
Mrs Mikus

ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

89% & Below
Drastic effect on
academic achievement

95% - 90%
Cause for
concern

100% - 96%
Excellent

