



Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will be aware, the Prime Minister announced that all Plan B measures will be removed in England, with a full return to Plan A by Thursday 27 January. For us as a school this means that face coverings will no longer be required to be worn in communal areas by staff and visitors to the school. Therefore, as of Thursday 27 January parents are no longer required to wear face coverings at drop off and pick up times. In addition, all school staff on gate duty at these times will no longer be requested to wear face coverings should they choose not to. However, the guidance for schools states that the wearing of masks could be reintroduced at any time under the advice of local directors of public health should the school experience a localised outbreak. All other remaining protective measures in school, as outlined in our risk assessment, remain in place and under constant review on a daily basis.

We have been pleased to see the confidence in children grow in the swimming pool. In the few short weeks that Year 4 and 5 attend lessons at Mountbatten we have seen children become more positive and water confident. The Year 6 children attend Charter Academy for swimming lessons and have been fantastic ambassadors for the school. Being a coastal town, we know how important this life skill is. For this year as we have missed swimming lessons in previous years due to Covid we have managed to not pass on any cost of these lessons to parents.

We continue to see an increase in requests for absence during term time. A reminder that the school attendance policy can be found on the school website and also includes information regarding requests for absence in term time and why such absences will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. In addition, remote learning is only provided for children who cannot attend school for Covid related reasons and will not be provided for children on holiday during term time.

Mrs Berry

Head of School

What's happening in Nursery?

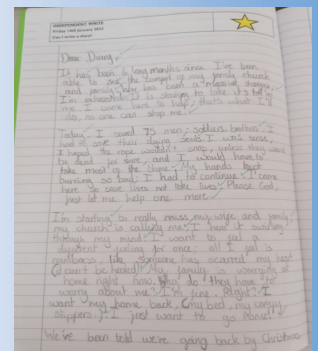
We have been doing lots of work in Nursery on the 3 little pigs. We read lots of different versions of the book and the children have really loved joining in with the story especially when the wolf says "little pigs let me come in" and "then I'll huff & I'll puff and I will blow your house down"

When working in the inside and outside construction areas we have been trying to build strong houses for the pigs to live in safe from the wolf. The children's engagement has been wonderful to see.



What are Year 6 up to this week?

It has been a busy start to the new year for year 6! We hit the ground running with some tricky algebra work in maths. The children loved seeing how algebra could be used to help solve real life problems. In writing, we have been using our knowledge from topic and WW1 to write a diary entry from the perspective of a soldier, children have shown a great understanding of what it would have felt like to be a soldier during this time.



Diary entry by Millie
Rose

What's coming up?

- ◆ Inset Day - 11th February

Reminders:

- Gates closes promptly at 8.40am
- Please report any absences via studybugs/email or phone

Ark Dickens

Announcements



Attendance

Paddington	Am	80.65%	Aslan	93.57%
Paddington	PM	90.43%	Wilbur	92%
Mowgli		97.6%	Grainger	90.33%
Pinocchio		81.43%	Horton	91.67%
Robin		91.86%	Marley	95.52%
Matilda		93.85%	Asterix	91.73%
Merlin		92.76%	Banquo	87.06%
Poppins		93.29%	Gandalf	94%



Stars of the Week

Khalifa M - Matilda

Asma H - Robin

Mirac M - Merlin

John F - Poppins

Maia B-J/Riley R - Aslan

Ruby D/Dian K- Wilbur

Viswajith Y/Jacob C- Horton

Angel A-D/Finley W- Grainger

- Asterix

Dios Z/Gaia C- Marley

Lilly C/Josh O- Banquo

Pelin I - Gandalf

Make sure you look out for SAM the dog.

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House Points

