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NEWSLETTER

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## HEAD TEACHER'S HIGHLIGHTS

HAPPY  
*New Year*

Dear parents,

Welcome back to you all as we start our Spring Term. It seems like the children had a wonderful break during the Christmas period. I have heard about lots of visits from Santa and the gifts that they received. It is wonderful to hear them sharing their experiences and of course which are their most special gifts. Memories that will last a lifetime.

We start our topic Frozen World this week and I think the weather has changed to fit in with us. The children will be finding out about colder climates along with the lives of people and animals in those areas. They will also be looking at melting and freezing in science activities. Artwork will be based on the development of collaging skills and linked to the topic. There will be lots of information to source through their nonfiction reading as well as being introduced to some excellent stories that will be used to motivate them in their own writing.

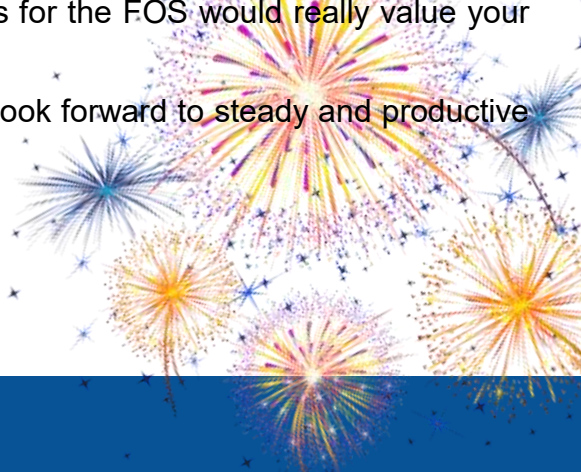
Unfortunately, two of our teaching assistants were ill with coronavirus during the holidays, we wish them well and look forward to their return when they are feeling better. I am pleased to see the rest of the staff are well and the children have also returned fit and healthy. Please be stay alert for any symptoms relating to the virus and use the testing system to help keep everyone as safe as far as possible.

Friends of School have a zoom meeting January 12<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. Please join us if you can and we can plan some fun events for the coming term. They do a great job and I know the new parents who have taken on specific roles for the FOS would really value your ideas and support.

I wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year and look forward to steady and productive term.

Best wishes

Jenny Griffiths





## IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 12th January 8pm Friends of School Meeting

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January- Ancient House House—Whole School Visit

### This Week's Winning Team is **RED TEAM**



Well done!

## Art Club

We hope you enjoyed looking at our Ice art gallery at the front of school today. Children collected leaves, twigs and stones to create their picture. They then added water, put them in the freezer and waited for them to freeze solid.



**IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE LOOKING TO APPLY TO OUR SCHOOL FOR RECEPTION 2022 THERE IS STILL OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT AND SEE OUR SCHOOL IN ACTION.**

### **SCHOOL ADMISSIONS**

The online admissions application process is now available at [www.telford.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.telford.gov.uk/admissions).

The following deadlines apply this year:

- Applying for Reception Year school places to start in September 2022 (starting school for the first time) - **closing date 15 January 2022**
- Applying for Infant to Junior school (Year 2 into Year 3) places to start in September 2022 (current Year 2 pupils) - **closing date 15 January 2022** · If a child has an Education, Health & Care Plan the closing date is 31st October 2021 for all applications.





# CLASS 1

We have had a lovely start to the new year in class one! Our topic this half term is 'Frozen World' and we have lots of exciting activities planned. The children were very excited to find an igloo complete with animal skin rugs, a fire and arctic animals in the classroom on Wednesday! It's so cosy that Mrs Bundy has been sneaking in there for naps! (After the children have gone home, of course!)

In maths this week the year 1 children have been writing addition equations to match a group of objects.



What addition equation would match these groups of objects?

In maths reception have been playing track games, you could support this learning at home by playing board games that have a dice such as Snakes and Ladders. We find it tricky to count on from the starting place and not count that square so we've been practicing lots.



In English the children have been writing thank you letters to Father Christmas, they had some lovely presents by the sounds of it! They have also thought about new years resolutions and have given themselves some brilliant goals for the year!

Have a great weekend and we'll see you all next week!



**Rewarded for sharing lots of interesting facts with the class.**

**STAR OF THE WEEK**



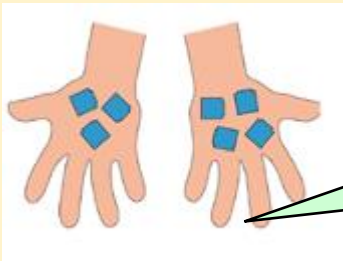
# CLASS 2



It has been wonderful to see everyone back in school!

The classroom has become Our Frozen World, (but not just because the windows are open!) as we have started to focus on our new topic for this half term. The children have been sharing the facts they know about the cold places in our world and have some fantastic questions they want to research. Our text in English is *The Snow Dragon* by Vivian French and the children have been making some wonderful predictions about what happens in the story. Is the dragon a friend? Does he know the boy is on his back? Is there snow coming out of the dragon's mouth?

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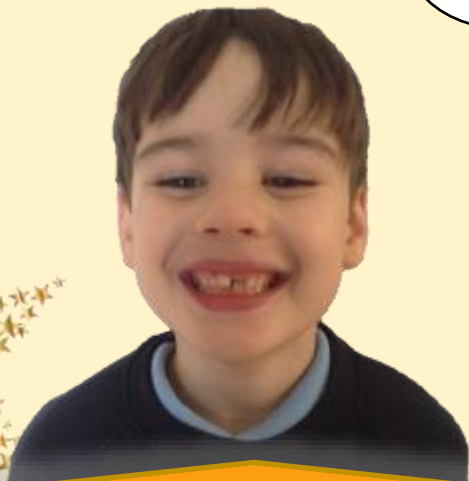
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The year 2 children are continuing to work on their multiplication skills, focusing particularly on the ten and five times tables. The children have become masters of counting on and back in tens and fives and applying these skills to problems. They have used the language factor and product when talking about their equations too!

What is the product of 8 and 10?

I have 7 ten pence coins and 4 five pence coins in my pocket. How much do I have altogether?

Homework this week is spellings. The children have a list of the words we are working on this year. Please help your child to choose between 5 and 10 tricky words to practise. We will test all of them next week and then keep checking them at the end of each term. It's a marathon not a sprint, we have until the end of the school year to master them.



**STAR OF THE WEEK**

**Rewarded for being an excellent role model.**



# *Celebrating Success*

## **REWARDS OF THE WEEK**

**Well done to all the children that received an award for Marvellous Mathematician, Wonderful writer, hand writer of the week, Reader of the week or Breakfast Club Superstar. Keep up the hard work.**



**Class 1**



**Class 2**

# Celebrating Success

## MATHLETICS



## BRONZE



## GOLD



## SILVER