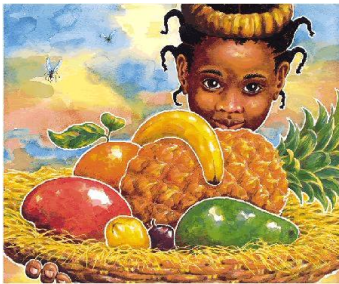


Class R's Learning Letter

It has been a fantastic start to the new term. The children have come back to school with such excitement, enthusiasm and full of stories about what they have been doing over the holiday, which is lovely to hear!

Firstly, I would just like to say how proud I am of every single member of Class R and One with their performance of 'Lights Camel Action'. All of the children worked so hard to learn lines, songs, dance routines and stage directions. I think you will all agree that their hard work had truly paid off! There are some lovely photographs on the school website, if you haven't seen them already!

The topic this half term focuses on the geographical features of the 'Globe'. Over the next few weeks we will be looking at the key characteristics of some of the continents, such as the climate, different cultures, food and buildings from around the world. As part of these sessions, at 1.30pm on Wednesday 18th January, we will be organising a famous landmark building challenge where we will be getting creative; transforming cardboard boxes, tubes, tubs and other junk modelling materials into famous buildings from around the world. If you could collect any of these items at home and send them into school, we would be very grateful. Also, if you would like to help out on this creative afternoon then you are more than welcome to come along - just please let me know! Furthermore, we will also be out and about exploring different landmarks within our own local community. I will send out further information about our walk around Keyworth in the next week or so.



This half term, our literacy lessons will support our learning of finding out about life on different continents. We will be spending time reading 'Handa's Surprise'; a beautifully illustrated book that focuses on the adventure of a little girl who lives in Kenya. In this story Handa packs a wide range of interesting fruits in a basket to take to her friend Akeyo. This book will provide opportunities to develop the children's understanding of the text and take on different roles when acting out the story as part of a group.

Furthermore, throughout this topic we will also be looking at a wide range of information books to find out some interesting facts about the life on the seven different continents. As always, if your child has a book that is related to our topic, they are more than welcome to bring it in to share with the rest of the class.

In maths, we will continue to practise our counting skills and applying this to solve problems involving practical addition and subtraction. We will also be exploring other mathematical concepts, such as estimation and understanding money.



In PE, Mrs Graham will be teaching dance on Wednesday mornings. During these sessions the children will be exploring how to use their body's to move in a variety of ways, in time to the music.

Finally, I would just like to highlight the importance of writing in your child's monkey book. As a class teacher it is only possible to listen to your child read on a weekly basis, and therefore it is so valuable to read your comments about the progress they are making with reading at home. Now the children know so many phonics sounds it is essential to practise reading (and writing) on a daily basis so they have as many opportunities as possible to apply their phonics skills.

Thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions then please ask!

Miss Tarrant