

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have enjoyed the half term break despite the current circumstances.

English

In English, the children will be writing their own version on the gingerbread man.

Challenges:

- Can you create a list of adjectives to describe the gingerbread man?
- Can you follow a recipe to make your very own gingerbread man?
- Can you act out the story of the gingerbread man with your family?



Maths

We have started this term by learning all about money, learning to recognise coins and notes. We will then move on to learn about addition and subtraction, with a massive focus on subtraction. We will be adding and subtracting two single digit numbers and then one two-digit and one single digit numbers.

Challenges:

- Can you set up a shop in your house? Use pretend money to buy different items. Which coins will you need to make the other amounts?
- Can you create your own addition and subtraction problems using items around your home? Send them to your class email so we can have a go at them in class.
- Practise making 10 and then 20 in different ways. How many different ways can you find?

History

In History, the children will learn about different influential people through time and how they have helped shape our world today. Our famous people include Howard Carter, Rosa Parks and Darcey Bussell.

Challenges:

- Can you create a model of a pyramid, just like the ones Howard Carter explored?
- Can you find out any information about Tutankhamun?
- Can you find out some facts about a famous person who has influenced you?



Geography

This term, the children will be learning lots about the climate and weather. We will be exploring seasons, thinking about how they are different in other countries around the world. We will also be looking at how climates differ between England and other countries such as Egypt. Finally, we will be learning lots about the world. We will begin to learn the names of the countries and will be identifying countries such as the UK, Egypt and the United States of America on a world map.



Challenges:

- Can research about the weather and climate of another country? Maybe you could choose somewhere you have visited before. Think about how it compares to the UK.
- Can you practise naming the countries which make up the UK? Which country do we live in? Perhaps you could create a map and label the four countries.
- Create a map of places you have visited. It could include just England or you could use a world map if you have travelled to another country.

Science

The children are going to be learning about the parts of the human body. As part of this, the children will learn to identify and name different parts of the human body. We will also be learning about the five senses.



Challenges:

- Create a diagram and label the different parts of the body?
- Have a taste test at home and try some new and unusual foods. Is there anything new that you like?
- Can you investigate what happens to our sense of taste when you hold your nose so you are unable to smell? Does the food taste the same?

Computing

During the second half term, our unit is 'We are Chefs'. The children will become TV chefs, starring in and recording their own cooking shows.

Challenges:

- Use a phone or tablet to take videos.
- Can you help your family to make dinner? Think about how you would explain to someone else how to make it.
- Watch a TV Chef and think about what you like and don't like about their show.

P.E.

Chestnut's P.E day is on a Monday and Acorn's on a Tuesday. A professional sports coach will continue to teach P.E. The children will be learning skills in games, gymnastics and dance. Please ensure your child has a suitable P.E. kit for all weathers, particularly when it gets a bit chilly! Earrings should be removed for P.E. so please remove them before your child comes to school. Please ensure your child has a refillable water bottle.

Challenges:

- Can you practise bouncing a ball in the different ways you have learnt?
- Can you show your family some of your PE skills you have learnt?

Music

In Music, we will learn all about pitch. Using our voices we will create high and low sounds. We will then be using our voices and instruments to create sounds to represent the weather.

Challenges:

- Listen to your favourite songs. Talk about the pitch of the music.
- Create your own drum using junk modelling materials or objects around your home.

Art and DT

In Art, we will be learning to sketch pictures in different ways. First, we will draw pictures of Tutankhamun and then colour these using watercolour paint. We will then make city skylines and create a bus to move along the front of our picture.

In D&T, the children will be using a wide range of media to create their own products. First, we will create cartouche out of clay, where they will write their name in hieroglyphics. We will then design, make and evaluate a toy soldier, inspired by the story of the Nutcracker.

Challenges:

- Can you create a piece of work with a slider to make part move?
- Can you sketch a picture of your favourite toy?
- Use junk modelling to create a character from your favourite story.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us on the class e-mail.

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Best Wishes,

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