

Dear Parents,

We are now nearly halfway through the first term. The children have been enjoying seeing their friends again and settling into their new year groups.

Fortunately, apart from a couple of coughs and colds, everyone is keeping well, and the children are being regularly reminded to wash their hands and use the hand sanitisers in and around the classroom too.

During lessons, we have been writing detective stories and structuring our sentences effectively in order to build mystery and intrigue. This term we will be focussing on how we can develop a character and the ways in which we can show their unusual traits throughout a story.

In Mathematics, we have been answering a variety of word problems and improving the mental arithmetic strategies the children can use. We have particularly focussed on calculating percentages and rounding numbers with decimals. Miss Fletcher has also been working with different groups of children to help them master telling the time and being able to recall their times tables quickly and efficiently.

As outlined in my letter to the class towards the end of the last academic year, our class topic over the next two terms is the 1920s and 30s, which involves investigating the lives of people who lived during these times, their clothing styles, musical tastes and culture.

PE and Games will continue to run on Mondays and Fridays and we intend to go outside as much as possible, so coats and tracksuits are required.

I look forward to talking to many of you over the next few weeks during the Parent Consultations. It will be a lovely opportunity to share with you your child's successes.

I will be writing to you all again next week detailing the home learning I will be setting over the next two terms.

Best wishes,

N. Robbins