



## Year 4 Homework Letter – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

### Our Learning This Week

#### English

In English this week, the children have continued to explore our current text for this half term *FARTHER* by Grahame Baker Smith. The children have written a sequel to this story using sentence starters to develop into their narrative structure and considering carefully their use of expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials as part of the creative writing. We then dramatized some of their stories using frozen images and narration which helped them to see the flow of their stories in a practical context. Finally, the children designed a front cover for their books including the title, themselves as the author and an eye-catching illustration.

#### Maths

In Maths this week, the children continued with their topic on multiplication and division. The children used their knowledge of multiples to count in 7s to make the link between repeated addition and multiplication. They then used a range of concrete and pictorial representations to deepen their understanding of multiplying by 7. They also drew on ideas from previous learning to explore flexible partitioning to show, for example,  $8 \times 7 = 5 \times 7 + 3 \times 7$  or  $8 \times 7 = 8 \times 5 + 8 \times 2$ . The children also explored dividing by 7 through sharing into 7 equal groups and grouping into 7s whilst developing their understanding and application of their corresponding division facts. We have also spent time completing word problems using these operations which is an area of Maths all of the children benefit from practising.

#### Guided Reading

This week we have continued to learn about the work of Hans Christian Anderson focusing on the story of *The Snow Queen* in preparation for our theatre trip to see the play of this famous fairy tale. The children explored three different adaptations of the story and considered the similarities and differences between each of them. This work gave the children a firm understanding of the characters and the plot of the story making it more accessible for them when watching the story as a play in theatre.

#### Theatre Trip

We had a wonderful time at the Polka Theatre in Wimbledon watching their production of *The Snow Queen*. The performance given was outstanding as was the behaviour of all of our children – we were incredibly proud of them all. School trips are an integral part of the curriculum which enable the children to have experiences outside of the classroom to help embed their learning further. Thank you for all your support with this trip.

#### Homework

The English activities are to learn Week 5 spellings and to read for at least 15 minutes each evening. For Maths the children must practise their all of their times tables.

#### Dates for your Diary

13.12.23 - School Christmas Lunch – 12.00pm  
14.12.23 - Christmas Service at Christ Church starting at 9.30am  
14.12.23 - PTFA Christmas Fair starting at 3.30pm until 5.30pm  
16.12.23 - Last day of term  
02.01.24 - Start of the Spring Term

Have a lovely weekend!  
Mrs Rutter and Miss Oastler