



Year 4 Homework Letter – Friday 8th December 2023

Our Learning This Week

English

This week in English the children have been delving more deeply into the story of 'The Snow Queen' by Hans Christian Anderson. During a Drama-based lesson they created a series of four frozen images with narration depicting the key scenes from the story. This was then developed further in the classroom through the creation of a story board to re-tell the narrative in their own words. The children then considered different ways in which they could modify the original story to make it their own. To help them with the planning process they created a story map of their version and then developed this into a story board. Next week, the children will use this planning to write their own version of the story.

Maths

In Maths this week, the children have continued their topic focusing on multiplication and division learning how to multiply by 1 and 0. The children explored the effect of multiplying by 1 and noticed that when they multiply a number by 1, the result will always be the number itself. The children also learnt that when multiplying any number by zero the result is always zero. The children applied their knowledge of multiplication to multiply three numbers together. They were also introduced to the idea of the associative law, which focuses on the fact that it does not matter how they group the numbers when they multiply. For example, $4 \times 5 \times 2 = (4 \times 5) \times 2 = 20 \times 2 = 40$ or $4 \times (5 \times 2) = 4 \times 10 = 40$.

Wellbeing

After the Christmas holiday, small groups of children will be going out once a week to help paint our new bug hotel. I will let you know in advance when your child will be having their turn so they can bring appropriate clothing to be worn during the activity.

Homework

The English activities are to consolidate the spellings from this past half term with a test next Friday on a selection of words from all previous test. The children are to read for at least 15 minutes each evening. For Maths the children must practise all of their times tables.

Happy Christmas!

This will be my last homework letter of 2023! We have had such a wonderful term together, achieving so much and having some great experiences, including High Ashurst, Ancient Greek Day and our trip to the Polka Theatre to see 'The Snow Queen'. We look forward to the Spring Term when the children and I along with Miss Oastler shall have more fun, learning and adventures together! We wish you all a peaceful and joyful Christmas and the warmest wishes for 2024!

Dates for your Diary

13.12.23 - School Christmas Lunch
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