

St Margaret's-at-Cliffe Primary School

Year 6 Newsletter

Terms 3 & 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year and hope that you have all had a wonderful Christmas break. The children have returned feeling rested and ready for the next two busy terms!

We have already begun this term with our Paddington Bear whole school project which the children already seem to be enjoying. Thank you to those parents who have purchased a copy of 'A Bear Called Paddington' by Michael Bond – this will assist the children in their English and art learning during this project. Look out for details coming out about our exhibition of our learning at the Pines Calyx. Your



children may have already come home speaking about their assigned London landmark that we would like them to create at school. The idea is that we will create a 'cardboard city'; focusing on the architecture and design of some of London's most famous landmarks that surround Paddington Bear. If you wish, you could talk with your child about the ways in which they could create their landmark – though they will be doing this in class.



P.E. will continue to be on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. Weather permitting, lessons will take place outside and of course it can be very cold so please could you ensure the children all have suitable clothing to support this: trainers, tracksuit trousers and sweatshirts. As always earrings need to be removed for PE (unfortunately we do not permit children to cover their earrings with tape).

We are going to be continuing with the daily run. We aim to run each and every day straight after morning registration. All children participate and must walk, jog or run for 10 minutes. It is non-competitive and intended to boost children's fitness and general well-being. The children run or walk in their school uniform but wear trainers to enable a rapid 'turn around'.



I know that you recognise the importance of home learning and welcome your support in ensuring that their home learning is completed and returned to school on time. Homework in Year 6 will continue to be a piece of maths and English work each week. Occasionally there may be a piece of history/geography/science/ICT to support learning in class the following week. The maths will usually be connected to the learning in class during the week and the English will usually be a piece of writing. As usual the activities will be issued on a Friday and need to be returned on, or before, the following Wednesday please. This will allow time for the work to be marked. 'Homework help club' is still offered on a Monday lunchtime if your child needs some assistance or does not have time to complete their home learning at home. Please continue to support you child to read daily, non-fiction, poetry and quality fiction texts; the wider the range of genre the better.

If you need to speak with me I will be available at the classroom door from 8:35am and at the end of the day at 3:15pm too. If you require a more formal meeting, then this can be arranged through the school office.

Miss Brett and Mrs Saynor

Diary dates:

- 22nd January: Art Exhibition at Pines Calyx
- 3rd February: Year 6 Enterprise (more details to follow)
- 12th February: Open afternoon to see your child's books
- 14th February: HALF TERM
- 5th March: World Book Day
- 1st April: End of term 4

