

## Weekly Curriculum News

## **INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

The children are about to begin rehearsing for their Christmas performance 'Christmas around the World.' We will be asking parents for their help to make costumes. Can we ask all parents to check that the class rep has the correct email address for them so that messages are communicated efficiently.

The next PE unit 'Multi-skills' will begin next week. The children will still have a swimming lesson at the times listed below.

Tuesday - Year 1A - Swimming & Friday - Year 1A - Gymnastics Tuesday - Year 1B - Gymnastics & Friday - Year 1B - Swimming Monday - Year 1C - Swimming & Friday - Year 1C - Gymnastics

Tuesday 17th November; 9am to 11am and then repeated from 5pm to 7pm - Assessment Workshops for Parents



Next week in English, the children will re-read the story 'The Great Race' which explores the 12 animals of the Chinese zodiac. They will construct simple sentences which include different language features. To improve their written work, time will be spent on self-assessment.

During Phonics lessons, the children will apply phonic knowledge and skills to decode and read words. They will read accurately by blending sounds in unfamiliar words identifying different graphemes and phonemes.

In handwriting, the children will be encouraged to make sure letters are formed and orientated correctly. There will be a focus on presenting work neatly.



The Personal Goal we will be focusing on this week is 'resilience'.

The children will be encouraged to demonstrate resilience skills when writing for a sustained period of time.

'As Historians' the children will continue to explore the animals of the Chinese Zodiac. They will re-tell the story through role play and written activities. In small groups, the children will consider different ways in which they could adapt the story using their own ideas. A class book will be made of the new Chinese animals created by the children.

'As Scientists' the children will investigate endangered animals. They will construct questions they would like to be answered and using secondary sources will become 'researchers' as they attempt to find the answers.



Our Maths focus this week will be geometry.

We will continue to work on learning to read and record the time to the hour and half past the hour. Children will explore and try to solve problems related to time including the hour, minutes and seconds.