

Next week our whole school ethos theme will be:

# We keep trying even when it is difficult

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for dining with us yesterday. It was lovely to meet you all and the food was so amazing. Thanks to Chef Matty and the hard-working team.

Well done to the children for standing up in front of the class to recite their chosen poem. Everyone performed well and gave us a hard job to select only six to perform for Mrs Taylor-Parker, who was then faced with an even harder task to pick the final three and a reserve for the day. Huge congratulations to all!

#### **English**

This week in English the children have continued reading more chapters of our class novel 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane'. We have been looking at power verbs used in the novel and used some ourselves in our diary writing. We thought about not using 'said', but words such as answered, mentioned or declared.

## **Maths**

In Mathematics, the children have been learning more about the link between multiplication and division, and have been looking at dividing a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number with no exchange, then flexible partitioning. They have applied their learning to solving word problems.

We are continuing our differentiated Mental Arithmetic booklets and these will be coming home on Friday. Please look and work on any corrections. Thank you.

#### Science

We are continuing with our topic on Fossils. The children have been investigating different stages of fossilization. Following the investigations, the children used the information they found out and presented it to the class. We have also researched different types of fossils.

# **Global Studies**

This week the children talked about Earthquakes. They found out where and how they occur. We talked about the Ring of Fire, which is an area around the Pacific Ocean shaped like a horseshoe. It is home to 90% of the world's earthquakes.

#### Uniform

We are working really hard in school with the children to develop our school values of *Love, Respect, Honesty* and *Fairness*.

We are grateful for your support in ensuring that the children arrive at school in a respectful manner with the correct uniform. Shirts should be smartly tucked in and ties should be fastened correctly. Long hair should be tied back, and all bobbles and clips should be in school colours. On a day where the children do not have PE, they are expected to arrive at school and leave school with their hat/cap on and their coat fastened.

## **Spring Festival**

A reminder that you received details about the musical classes for the Spring Festival just before the half term break. Please take note of any deadlines for the performance/heat dates. It is a great opportunity for the children to showcase their talent, so please encourage your child to take part if they are learning an instrument or would like to enter the Solo Singing. Please encourage your child to practise the songs and backing tracks for the Spring Festival House singing from Seesaw.

### **REMINDER: Planners please read again**

All pupils should bring their Pupil Planner into school every day. The Pupil Planner serves as a crucial link in the home-school partnership, promoting collaboration between home and school. It allows you to stay informed about their homework, upcoming assessments, and any notes made by teachers.

The planner also serves as the Reading Record book, and your child should record their daily reading in the designated space. The Daily Reflection is an opportunity for your child to think about what they have enjoyed or have not enjoyed about the day.

We are encouraging the children to play an active part in taking responsibility for their learning and their homework. Your child should be writing the homework in their planner every day, and should be responsible for bringing home the correct homework. Please ensure that you look at the planner and sign it over the weekend. There is a space for you to write a comment if you wish. The Planners will be checked on a Monday and up to four Dojos will be awarded for the planners. One each for **Homework**, Reading Record, **Parent signature** and Daily Reflection.

Warm regards

Mrs C Falconer, Mrs S Hanson and Ms A Morley

If you have any worries or concerns about anything to do with your child, please email me on <a href="mailto:c.falconer@froebelian.co.uk">c.falconer@froebelian.co.uk</a>

# **Calendar Dates:**

February		
М	lon 26	Assembly Visitor: Dr Paul Bell (Headteacher at Horsforth High)
March		
	Fri 1	Quiz Quest General Knowledge Quiz 10.00-11.00am
	Sat 2	Cross Country League Race at Woodhouse Grove 1.00-3.30pm