



Froebelian School
Juniors' Weekly Newsletter
Form II
9th February 2024

The ethos theme on the children's return to school will be:

We stay motivated when doing something challenging.

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half-term seems to have just flown by. I have been very pleased with the children's work in 'Global Studies' this week. We had a very lively debate about who was the most powerful ancient civilisation. The children came up with some compelling arguments and ideas and competed in good spirit.

In English we have continued work around our class reader, the 'BFG' by Roald Dahl. The children were finishing off their short stories of: Being captured by, and escaping from a giant. They have looked at using the third person and past tense in their stories. Additionally, they have been using personification and similes to stretch and extend their ideas and sentences.

In our Maths lessons we have continued to look at multiplication and division. This week, the children have been focused on multiplying and dividing a three-digit number by a one-digit number.

Homework:

In regards to holiday homework, a decision has been made across the school that there will be no compulsory homework given.

There is optional homework of aiming to complete as many of their reading challenges as possible. They could also write a story about a topic of their choosing, which must be written in the third person.

A friendly reminder that the children should be reading independently every day at home. It is important that they also read to an adult at least two or three times a week. I have seen some real strides in the children's writing because of this focus on reading and it is really important to continue this momentum at home.

Spring Festival:

In Drama, Mrs Taylor-Parker has given out the poems for the Festival. Each child is required to choose one of the poems to learn by heart. After half term, on Monday 19th February, everyone will perform their chosen poem individually for the class. We will select the six children who perform the best, and they will perform for Mrs Taylor-Parker, who will select the final three from each of the Junior classes. She will then work with these finalists until the competition during the Spring Festival. The children will be judged by an external adjudicator when they finally perform with the other finalists.

You have received an email today with details about the musical classes for the Spring Festival. 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. All children are singing with their House Choir, so they must learn their House song by Wednesday 21 February. The songs and backing tracks for Spring Festival House singing are on Seesaw.

Sport:

Next half-term, the children will be doing netball on Tuesdays and gymnastics on Thursdays. So please can you make sure your child brings their PE kit on these days.

As always, if you have anything you would like to chat about please email me at m.mullis@froebelian.co.uk.

We hope you have a fantastic holiday.

Mr Mullis and Mrs Jackson

Calendar Dates –

February	
Mon 19	Return to School
Tues 20	U9 Netball Festival TBC