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Head of Primary News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! What a wonderful week and a half we have had since returning after the break. The children have settled back into school life beautifully and are working incredibly hard in lessons. We will soon be sending out to you the detailed curriculum letters for the Spring term so that you know what your children will be learning about in class. These will also go onto our website so that you can look at other year groups if you would like to.

This week, we have had a small number of children testing positive for Covid. We will continue with the stringent measures that are currently in place and, if needed, we will be bubbling classes. Bubbling classes will help us to stop the spread between different classes as much as possible in school although because of the transmissible nature of Omicron, we have a number of siblings who are testing positive which can then impact upon different classes.

Please remember to wear masks when onsite if you are inside the academy or outside on the playground. Many parents and carers are not wearing masks at drop off and pick up and we know that this is key to helping stop the spread of Covid.

If your child is showing any symptoms of Covid, please do not send them to school until they have had a PCR test. If you are happy to test your children as often as possible with a lateral flow test please do as many children are asymptomatic so regular LFTs are the only way of identifying cases.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Tate

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Ruby

Ruby Class have been absorbed in their new 'Awesome Animals' topic. We started by reading 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear' and the children were fantastic at recalling the story and retelling it independently. The book asks the question "What do you see?" so we made our own binoculars that helped us to discuss all of the amazing things we could see outside.

We have also been exploring different ways of making marks by using vehicle tracks and animal footprints. The children have shown a big interest in colour mixing which we will continue to extend next week.









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Emerald

Emerald Class returned to school full of smiles and excitement for the term ahead! We loved hearing all their news from Christmas and were thrilled to hear that they had all stayed on Santa's good list! They wrote some lovely thank you letters to Father Christmas and their families for their presents and enjoyed wishing each other a Happy New Year. In Maths we've been looking at the New Year 2022 and learning more about the months in the year. We made our own calendars and found our birthdays on them.

It was great fun returning to icy and frosty weather in our first week and the children enjoyed conducting experiments with the ice we found in our garden, exploring freezing and melting. Our new topic 'Amazing Animals' has ignited much excitement! It's been wonderful sharing pictures of the children's pets and they have had lots of fun in our vet Role Play area! Over the next couple of weeks, we have some exciting pets coming to visit us- including a tortoise, some dogs and creepy crawlies!

Word of the week:

Last week: Grateful This week: Hullabaloo









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Opal

It has been wonderful seeing Opal class return to school with such smiles and enthusiasm to learn! We have kicked off the term by writing letters to the lovely children in Year 1 at King's Academy Oakwood and cannot wait to receive the replies. The children have also been reading Meerkat Mail by Emily Gravett and have been writing their own postcards as if they are the main character, Sunny. Opal

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In Geography, the children have been very enthusiastic learning about the continents of the world. So far, we have learnt about Europe, Oceania and Antarctica.

In Science, we have begun our unit of animals and have so far learnt about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. The children really impressed us with their knowledge of this! We have also started to learn about the different types of animals such as mammals and will continue this throughout the next few weeks.

Word of the week:

Last week: continent This week: sacred







Topaz

The children in Topaz class have had a fantastic start to the New Year. I have been so impressed with their energy and enthusiasm for all of our new topics and learning. In English, we have learned about alliteration and similes and this week we wrote shape poems that included both of these things. We kept a wintery theme for our poems and enjoyed drinking hot chocolate and going on a winter walk to get the ideas flowing. The children are all engrossed in our new class reader - Fantastic Mr Fox. In Maths, the children have deepened their understanding of multiplication and started to learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Please help them at home wherever possible. In Science, we are continuing to think about the Uses of Everyday Materials but with a focus on recycling materials. We started with a litter pick on the school grounds and the children sorted what they found into their materials. We have also now learned about plastic and its properties and how it can be recycled. In Geography, our new topic is hot and cold places. We started by learning about the difference between climate and weather and then looked at the different climate zones in the world.

Word of the week: Last week: alliteration This week: retrieval.











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