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Happy New Year!

It has been a funny week this week, it hardly seems two minutes since we were celebrating the arrival of the New Year does it?

It has been super to be back at school, despite the dark mornings and wet weather! Attendance has been good this week, which has meant lots of children have been able to attend their Launch Pad activities and therefore will have a far better understanding of their themes as the term goes on.

On Wednesday Year 1 and 2 children started their week with their Aboriginal Workshops – it was a great start to their term. They learnt about Aboriginal art – participated in drawing Aboriginal art in sand, LEARNT SOME Bush dances and traditional Aboriginal songs. I am sure if you ask your little one they would be happy to give you a rendition over the weekend!

Yesterday the children in Years 5 & 6 attended a Roman Workshop in school, learning more about the Romans, building on the learning they did in Years 3 & 4. Lots of children left school with blue face paint designs as they were re-enacting Roman Warriors at war! The children really did enjoy the workshops (I did see video footage of staff having sword battles too that they were certainly enjoying!!) We employ a company called Living History to come to school and deliver these workshops to children because the company is absolutely super! The staff are always full of energy and engaging – they always speak so highly of our children too!

Today our Year 3 and 4 classes had their Launch Pad. They all attended a Djembe Drumming workshop – which I can clearly hear (and feel) from my office as I write this newsletter!!! It is always such fun and the children really do love to learn about how to change the tone of the drums and copy the rhythms to make music. I am sure if you have a child in Years 3 or 4 they will be telling you all about it (and maybe asking for drums next Christmas!!)

Our Reception classes had fully intended to go on a Launch Pad activity – a short walk near the school to look at different houses in Hawkinge, however the weather forecast meant we cancelled the idea – hopefully we can plan this for next week. We will let parents know which day this is going ahead once we see the weather has settled down!

9th January – Guided Reading Workshop for parents of children in Year R, 1 & 2 at 6:00pm

11th January - Guided Reading Workshop for parents of children in Year R, 1 & 2 at 1:40pm

23rd, 24th & 25th January – Parents Evening *Details to follow*

23rd January – Maths Workshop for parents of pupils in Years 1 – 6 at 6:00pm *Details to follow*

25th January – Maths Workshop for parents of pupils in Years 1 – 6 at 1:40pm *Details to follow*

30th January – Phonics Workshop for parents of children in KS1 at 6:00pm *Details to follow*

31st January - Phonics Workshop for parents of children in KS1 at 1:40pm *Details to follow*

6th February – Year 3 and 4 Landing Pad (2:15pm) *Details to follow*

7th February – Year 5 and 6 Landing Pad (2:15pm) *Details to follow*

8th February – Year 1 and 2 Landing Pad (2:15pm) *Details to follow*

9th February – Reception Landing Pad (2:15pm) *Details to follow*

9th February - Last day of Term 3

19th February – Staff Development Day

20th February – Start of Term 4

On the reverse of the newsletter this week is the curriculum overview for your child for Term 3. Have a lovely weekend.