



# Stillness Junior School

“Our “Best At all Times”



## *Weekly Round Up Page – Week 1*

Dear Stillness Families

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to the start of the spring term.

The weather is very cold at the moment and looks like it will remain so for a little longer. Please ensure the children have a coat, hat and gloves with them for playtimes. Children can wear wellingtons or boots, **as long as they have school shoes with them to change into**. The classrooms do get very warm and they will be too hot in boots all day.

Have a lovely weekend break – keep warm!

**Mrs M Nichol - Headteacher**

### Y3 News

Happy New Year!

Despite it being freezing this week, it has been heart-warming to catch up with the children and to hear all their holiday stories. They have all settled in well to their new classes and it has been wonderful to see new friendships blossoming. Well done Year 3!

We can now confirm the new class names:

**Ms West – Otford Class**  
**Ms Edwards - Salehurst Class**  
**Mrs Chisholm – Iona Class**

Next week in Maths, we will be looking at dividing 2 digit numbers by 1 digit number and moving onto scaling. In English, we will be looking at the features of a losing tale and then planning our own. In Science, we will be looking at the effects of friction on different surfaces. In Computing, we will be continuing with our branching stories and creating slides to represent each phase of the story.

#### **Don't forget:**

- Y3 have PE on **Fridays**. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit.
- Y3 children will be given a book to read with their grown up every week. Please ensure you read with them and return the book on a **Monday** so they can get a new one.

If you have any questions/queries, you can contact your child's teacher via our Y3 email: [y3@stillnessj.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:y3@stillnessj.lewisham.sch.uk)

Restful weekend wishes.

**Mrs M Chisholm – Y3 Teacher**

### Y5 News

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful break and enjoyed all the festivities. We have come back to a very cold January, so please ensure your child comes to school with a coat as well as a jumper or fleece so they are nice and warm outside. This week, we have kick started the term with some multiplication in Math focusing on short multiplication methods. If possible, please check out the homework on Google classroom as it contains questions similar to what we are teaching in class, along with a need help resource for your child (or you!). In English, we have started a new unit where the children will be learning how to write a journey tale. This unit links with our topic of 'Hola Mexico'. The protagonist is a girl from ancient Mayan times. We will be using our tale to innovate and create our own story that follows the features of a journey/quest. Athletics is this term's PE unit. It will be outdoors, weather permitting, so please ensure your child is wearing appropriate shoes and the correct colour tracksuit. We hope you have a lovely weekend and we will see you Monday.

#### **Don't forget:**

- Wednesday 17th January** - Trip to Horniman Museum as part of our Science topic: Animals including Humans. A packed lunch will be needed for the trip unless you have requested a school packed lunch.
- Tuesday 23rd January** - NSPCC workshop ( this will be held at school 11am-12pm)

**Miss O Gayer – Y5 Teacher**

### Music

We started our music technology unit this week. We were using Chrome music lab and experimented with basic step sequencing. We also created our accounts for BandLab and will be starting with step sequencing our own drum beats next lesson.

**Samantha McCartney**  
**Music Lead**

### Y4 News

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

The Y4 children have settled in really well and are already hard at work.

This week in English we have started our new unit - Character Descriptions. In our lessons, we have been learning the actions for text about a mythical creature and focused on finding adjectives. Next week, we will continue to learn about the other key features needed to create a character description. In Maths we have continued our multiplication and division unit. We have spent this week multiplying by 10 and 100. Next week, we will be looking at dividing by 10 and 100. In Topic this week we have started our Traders and Raiders unit. Using our knowledge of the Romans from Y3, we plotted key events of the Anglo-Saxon and Vikings coming to Britain onto a timeline. Next week we will be using an atlas to identify the countries that the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings came from.

#### **Don't forget:**

- Our PE day is still every **Tuesday**.

**Miss M Rooney – Y4 Lead**

### Y6 News

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful Christmas and enjoyed time with family and friends. It has been a busy first week back; with lots of learning, starting new units and talking about our spring trips.

In English, we wrote a descriptive opening paragraph using the clip Alma as a stimulus. Ratio has been a hit in maths and we now know how to interpret scaled drawings. One highlight of the week was starting our Tudors unit where we looked at artefacts and how these inform us of what the Tudors were like and we can tell you...brutal! The other highlight was Ms McCarthy introducing BandLab during Music. The children are really excited to compose music using software.

Please look out for the Y6 Curriculum Newsletter, spring's Curriculum Week Letter and the Y6 Program of Events. These all contain information about upcoming learning and trips.

Many thanks to all for reaching out to wish Ms Beeke a speedy recovery, she has been well and truly missed this week. However, Y6 have been well supported with the assistance from Mrs Renner-Thomas and Ms Zelve.

#### **Don't forget:**

- Thursday, 25th January** – Montague's Buddhist Temple Trip
- Friday, 26th January** – Bexhill's Buddhist Temple Trip

If you would like to volunteer for these trips, please email the Y6 team on [Y6@stillnessj.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:Y6@stillnessj.lewisham.sch.uk).

**Mrs L Threadgold – Y6 Lead**