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| **This Week**  This week we have started to think about our new topic ‘How does that building stay up?’ We have started to look at some of the different buildings in our area, including Meadowhall, Fox Valley and Lidl. We have even tried to spot some of our homes using Google Earth. We have also started to look at famous buildings and homes around the world. We have continued learning new phonemes in our phonics lessons and we are applying them during our independent learning time. We have also been finding rhyming strings.  Attendance: **class 1** – 97.8% and **class 2** – 92.8% | |
| **Next Week.**  We will continue in our new phonics groups, where we will be applying the sounds we have learnt into our reading and writing. In maths we will continue to recap previous learning and we will be starting to look at number bonds to 10 and completing simple addition calculations using practical methods. In topic we will look at what makes the foundations of a building and we will be starting to think about Chinese New Year and how it is celebrated. | **Stars of the week**  **Reader of the week**: class 1 – Ella and class 2 – Jamie  **Writer of the week**: class 1 – Victoria and class 2 – Sidney  **Mathematician of the week:** class 1 – Athena and class 2 – Rowan  Well done boys and girls. Miss Brook, Miss Brown and Miss Darbyshire are really proud of you! |
| **Homework**  Each Friday, homework will be handed out to your child. This homework should be completed and returned to your child’s class teacher by the date stated on the sheet. This half term we will continue to send out high frequency words, these are words that just need to be learnt at sight and can be kept at home and used as flashcards – These will be handed out on a Monday. | |
| **Reminders**  PE Kits – Please ensure that your child has their kits in school. These can be kept at school for the whole half term  Reading Books – Your child will be able to take from the pink, yellow or red reading book boxes – please look for your child’s name in each box. Book swap will continue to be a Monday – please make sure you return books.  Stay and Play – This will be on Friday 31st of January – 8:50-9:50. Please inform the office if you are able to attend.  **ONLINE SAFETY**  The below has been taken from GOV.UK and is guidance based on “Support for parents and carers to keep children safe online”.  While there are huge benefits to being online to stay connected to family and friends, the government recognises many parents feel concerned about the activities and content their children are accessing. This guidance outlines resources to help keep children safe from different risks online and where to go to get support and advice.  Keep your child safe online  It is important to have regular conversations about staying safe online and to encourage children to speak to you if they come across something worrying online.  Talk to your child about the importance of creating a safe online environment, including keeping any log-in details and passwords safe.  The below resource is designed to support you to talk to your child about a range of online safety issues, set up home filtering in a child-friendly way and set up age-appropriate parental controls on digital devices:  Parents’ Guide to Age Ratings explains how the British Board of Film Classification rates content, and gives parents advice on choosing online content well <https://indd.adobe.com/view/edb6c04a-b984-4cd4-ab93-79ea28ac8298> | |