

Hello and Happy New Year to Everyone,

First of all Mrs Bowen and I want to say a huge thank you to you all for our wonderfully thoughtful and generous Christmas presents at the end of term. They were very much loved and appreciated. We also hope you all had a relaxing and fun filled Christmas break.



Our first week back in school has been amazing. The "madness" of Christmas is over and we have all settled back down to a lovely working atmosphere straight away.



This week in our literacy we have learned about adverbs, using them in a descriptive poem about an animal. We also did Free Writing Friday, where we wrote about what we did and had over the Christmas break. In our Welsh, we wrote a letter to Santa thanking him for our presents. Our writing was ardderchog! (excellent)

We started to think about our new topic for the term, which is Time Travellers – Fire! Fire! We will be focussing our learning on The Great Fire Of London and we shared our thoughts about the topic and came up with a list of questions we would like to find out the answers to, linked to this topic. We looked at timelines, adding some dates and pictures of ourselves, famous people and events to help us develop our understanding of when things happened in the past.



In our Numeracy lessons, we have looked at adding and subtracting multiples of 10. We learned that the Unit number does not change but the Tens number and even the Hundred number sometimes will!



Finally we have had great fun learning the song, London's Burning. We learned some musical terms to describe how we sing or play the music and then sang the song in that way – allegro, adagio, forte, piano, legato and staccato. We then listened back to our singing and described how it made us feel and chose our favourite and least favourite style. Us Sharks are a very creative and enthusiastic bunch and we rocked!

Could I please ask for all reading folders to come into school on Monday (we have lots already) and we will start to listen to readers and will send home books and the new reading timetable this Friday. (new timetable posted below also) We will also start back to our weekly spellings, sending home the 1<sup>st</sup> spellings of the year. P.E. will continue to be on Monday, and as we are doing gymnastics this half term, can I please ask that children are dressed in loose, comfortable clothing, suitable for rolling and stretching easily in. We will go barefooted, so do not worry about trainers.

Thank you all again, and here's to a fabulous 2<sup>nd</sup> term.

Many thanks,

Mrs Howard & Mrs Bowen.

Red Group	Blue Group
Eva	Emily
Ellie	Elsie
Luca	Keanu
Adeola	Layla
Hugo	Zac
Mimi	Alex
Aneurin	Dylan
Annie	Ally
Teddy	Ace
Eden	Myles
Eli	Asiyah
Diana	Amelia
William	Sophia
Ezra	Alice
Kobi	

Red Group	Blue Group
22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	29 <sup>th</sup> Jan
5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	19 <sup>th</sup> Feb
26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	4 <sup>th</sup> March
11 <sup>th</sup> March	18 <sup>th</sup> March

