

## Class 3 Round Up – Spring 1

The year started with our two-week swimming block. Although the children were very tired with swimming every day, the progress they made was phenomenal and the children were so pleased with their efforts! I was very proud of them all, whether they were brand new to the pool or whether they have attended lessons for years. Swimming is such a life skill and our children at Lea have the opportunity to go swimming several times throughout Key Stage 2.



We really enjoyed our Storytelling Week last week. Each class was told a story by a different teacher, and Class 3 were thrilled to have Mrs Lucarelli telling them a fantasy story about dragons! On Friday, we celebrated stories by dressing in our cosy clothes and listening to a 'Snowball Story', written by our whole school family. Each class wrote a section of the story and threw the story into the next class for them to continue it. By the end of the day, we had written a wonderful story about kindness, acceptance and love. Stories are such a blessing, each one precious in its ability to take us away from our day to day lives and allowing us to embark on a new adventure. Reading undoubtedly calms children's minds, and we continue to reap the benefits of reading through our ability to write well and speak with confidence using good vocabulary.



This ties in beautifully with Children's Mental Health Week which we have marked this week. The theme has been 'My Voice Matters' and we have thought carefully about the impact words have on our own and others' lives, both positively and negatively. We heard our Ethos Group talk about Internet Safety in Worship on Tuesday, thinking carefully about how we might 'inspire change' by using the internet well, and acknowledging the dangers which overuse, or inappropriate use, of the internet can cause. Please continue to support your child in using devices, apps and games wisely and appropriately. Family time and talking together are things which the children said they held dear as well as a 24/7 relationship with God if they choose to follow Him.



This half term has been a wild one in terms of the weather! We have had battering winds, torrential rain and mild days where we have not needed to wear our coats to play out! Our favourite day was definitely the snowy day and we maximised the opportunity to play out and build snowmen and snow sculptures. The snow was perfect to sculpt, although our hands were a little cold by the time we had finished!!

Our curriculum has been packed full of learning opportunities as normal. We have been learning all about the digestive system in Science. We consolidated our learning by making a set of teeth from playdough and recreated the small intestine, and the movement of food through it, using a pair of tights and some very mushy Weetabix! We have learnt the story of The Tin Forest off by heart and used it as a model for our own stories. We have been finding out about the Anglo-Saxons in our History and discovered the wealth of artefacts at Sutton Hoo by recreating our own archaeological dig. We have also written kennings, a form of poetry brought to Britain by the Anglo Saxons. The children have worked collaboratively with Miss Wilson to create dances based on the story of The Iron Man in PE and have worked independently to make the most beautiful star lamps in their DT lessons with Mrs Morris. All the children have continued to work on multiplication and division in their Maths work and have been exploring length and perimeter in the last two-weeks. Very much a short but busy half term!



We hope that you have a wonderful half term break; there are some promising signs of Spring to enjoy.

Love from Mrs Bolton, Miss Wilson and Mrs Morris 😊