



## Weekly Newsletter

16th December 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! The children have settled fantastically well this week and are looking forward to the start of a new half term! Next week is World Book Day which we will be celebrating the day after (Friday 3rd March). Our theme this year is 'bedtime stories' and we are asking children to bring in their favourite bedtime story. They can also come to school in their pyjamas or alternatively, dressed as a character from their story. We have some exciting fairy-tale workshops planned for the children too alongside their usual Shakespeare drama sessions. Friday looks like it will be a busy but fun filled day!

Thank you to parents for supporting us with attendance - a special congratulations to Year 1 for achieving 96%!

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Vicki Briody  
Headteacher

Mrs Stephanie Savvides-Howell  
Assistant Headteacher

### Reception

Hello everyone,

I hope everyone had a lovely half term? We have had a busy week back in Reception. We have introduced our new story. It is 'The Enormous Turnip. We investigated clues and anticipated what might happen to the turnip before we read the story. We have made a story map in class and made our own story strips so that we can learn the story.

In Maths we have been learning about doubling. We have investigated how a double is made and have made our own double dominoes, which have been put up in the class.

This week we have also been looking at the artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo. He makes paintings of objects made entirely of vegetables, fish and other items. We are using these as inspiration to make our own vegetable faces in the near future.

Homework and reading books are in bags. P.E will be on Wednesdays, so send kits in and children can change at school. They can also leave their kit here and take it home at the end of every half term.

Have a lovely weekend. Mr. Owens and Jackie

### Fab

Friends of Abacus Belsize FAB upcoming Spring Term events- would like to help out, please email [mary@colinandmary.com](mailto:mary@colinandmary.com)

**Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, World Book Day, school day** Children come to school dressed as their favourite book character from favourite bed time story. Fab will run a **Used book exchange/book donation for World Book Day** to coordinate with school wide-event. Send in a book to exchange with another child on Friday. **Parents can book to come to school, 2:00-2:45 pm to read aloud with kids, please book with Rashida @ [admin@abacus-cfbt.org](mailto:admin@abacus-cfbt.org)**

**Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 4:15-6:00 pm (after clubs) Pajama party/popcorn and movie afternoon**, school, big hall **Fundraiser**, sell movie tickets beginning March 6 (5 pounds per ticket, non-abacus siblings free) popcorn and drinks included in ticket

**Friday, March 31 Alice in Wonderland Tea Party theme Bake Sale (Time to be determined) Fundraiser- FAB will coordinate with school Shakespeare performances** and run Bake sale, coffee afternoon before and after children's Shakespeare performances.

### Year 1

Welcome back to Abacus! I hope you had a restful half term. While you've been away the fairies have been back to our classroom, they leave letters and surprises most days and it's great to see the children writing back to them in their playtimes!

In English lessons this week we have been reading and writing poems, spotting adjectives, nouns, verbs and adverbs. We've also been talking about the subjects of poems and how sometimes that is the reader's interpretation! We will be writing our own poems before the end of term.

In maths we have enjoyed a problem solving week, using all four operations to solve word problems.

A reminder that on Tuesday next week we will be going to the cockpit theatre—please give consent for your child to come with us on parent mail. Have a lovely weekend!



### Year 2



Welcome back. We hope you all had a relaxing and fun week together. Our week in year 2 started out with a surprise. Secretly, the fairies snuck into our class book and left a letter for us. They asked us to write a senses poem about what we think they look like. We left our poems outside the fairy door AND the very next day we noticed they left some glitter and a shiny gold comment behind. How exciting!

In English we have been learning the words for our woodland report writing and have been thinking about facts. In maths we have been working hard on finding fractions of shapes and amounts. We drew the final copy of our setting, using all the techniques we have been practising. Next week we will work together to evaluate our work.

Toady we were super busy with swimming and drama. Remember that we need PE kits in school every day and our swimming kits ready for Friday.

Have a lovely weekend.



### Year 3

Welcome back everyone! We hope that you all had a restful break and are now ready for the new half term!



In English this week we have been taking part in the 'Invention' stage of our writing process. We have been looking at setting description so this week we came up with our own setting description based on the picture to the left. After finalising our ideas we each created a setting description map using pictures and key words which we then used to write the first draft of our own setting description. On Monday we will be writing the final versions.

This week we also started to make our hand puppets based of the characters from A Midsummer Night's Dream. We used a hand puppet template to cut out two identical pieces for the main section and then create the puppet's clothes. Next week we will be sewing it altogether and adding the final touches.

Have a great weekend! Miss Bell and Fred



### Dates

**Friday 3rd March** - World Book Day

**Reception class assembly** - Thursday 9th March, followed by a Reception coffee morning.

**Friday 17th March** - Movie night / parent workshops

**Thursday 30th March** - Shakespeare performance (whole school) times TBC

**Shakespeare performance:** Thursday 30th March

**Parent Meetings:** Monday 3rd April, Tuesday 4th April

**7th April** - Sports Festival

### Gold Stars of the Week



**Reception:** Teegan, Aayan, Malo



**Attendance**  
Target: 98%



**Year 1:** Ben, Yahel, Uri



**Reception:** 94%



**Year 2:** Bonnie

**Year 1:** 96%



**Year 3:** Aya



**Year 2:** 95%

**Year 3:** 88%

**Well done Year 1!**