



Children are back to school on Wednesday 3rd January

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 3 rd January	Children return to school	-
Tuesday 9 th January	Friends of Shaftesbury Park meeting 7.00 - 8.00pm	Parents welcome
Monday 15 th -19 th January	Creative Week	-
Wednesday 17 th January & Thursday 18 th January	Creative Week presentations to parents (details to follow)	Parents welcome
Thursday 25 th January	Breakfast at Shaftesbury 8.15 - 8.45am	Everybody welcome!
Thursday 1 st February	Coffee morning at 9.15am Focus: Introduction to mindfulness	Parents welcome
Friday 2 nd February	KS2 Evening Event (details to follow)	Children in Dolphins, Seahorses, Turtles, Seals, Sharks, Starfish & Penguins classes
Tuesday 6 th February	Friends of Shaftesbury Park meeting meeting 7.00pm-8.30pm	Parents welcome
Friday 9 th February	Last day of Spring 1	-
Half term: 12th - 16th February		
Date	Event	Who is involved?
Monday 19 th February	Children return to school	-
Monday 19 th February	Chinese New Year	-
Wednesday 21 st February	International Mother Languages Day	-
Thursday 22 nd February	Coffee morning at 9.15am Focus: Managing Behaviour	Parents welcome
Thursday 1 st March	World Book day	-
Tuesday 6 th March	Friends of Shaftesbury Park meeting meeting am 9.15am-10.15am	Parents welcome
Monday 12-16 th March	STEM week	-
Thursday 15 th March	STEM week open morning for parents (details to follow)	Parents welcome
Tuesday 13 th March	Spring term Parents' evening 1	Please book an appointment with your child's class teacher
Tuesday 20 st March	Spring term Parents' evening 2	Please book an appointment with your child's class teacher
Friday 23 rd March	Sports Relief Day	-
	Easter competition entries in	-
Tuesday 27 th March	Spring term Parents' evening 3	Please book an appointment with your child's class teacher
Wednesday 28 th March	SATs meeting for Year 6 parents 3.30pm and 5.30pm	Parents of children in Dolphins and Seahorses
Thursday 29 th March	Easter parade with winners of competition FS: Easter bonnets KS1/2: Egg models End of term - finish at 2pm	-

The **Zebras** have had a fantastic half term. We used our theme 'Lets Pretend' to investigate and explore Superheroes which was great fun. The children used the Superhero headquarters to solve problems and take on different superhero roles. We went on our first trip to the Battersea Arts Centre to watch and engage with the production 'Sponge'. The Zebras have worked very hard practising the nativity 'A King is Born' they have really enjoyed learning all the songs, actions and the star dance. Thank you to all the parents who came to watch. Have a lovely break, I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year when we will be welcoming some new Zebras!



The **Tigers** have had been very busy! We loved our Superhero topic and the story Supertato! We discovered that our class animal had been stolen by an evil pea so we created traps and made posters to warn other people! Luckily Supertato came to the rescue - we really enjoyed creating our very own Supertatoes! We have learnt all about numbers to 10, measure and shape. We were very excited by the arrival of Chippy the Elf at the beginning of December. He has been up to all sorts of mischief and we have had to help him understand how to eat healthily! We loved the show 'Snow White and Rose Red' at the BAC. Our 'A King is Born' show was fantastic! We all bravely stood up in front of so many people! Have a fantastic break, see you next year!



The **Leopards** have had a fantastic half term! We launched our Superhero topic with Supertato and the Evil Pea, having all sorts of adventures in the classroom and in our imaginations. The children have been spending lots of time making up and writing their own story books. We have started on Phase 3 phonics and have been working on applying our Phonics knowledge when writing down our own ideas. As the holiday season approached, we were joined by Elfie, a very cheeky elf who has caused quite a bit of mischief in the classroom. We went to the BAC to see 'Snow White and Red Rose' and have been writing our letters to Santa and decorating the classroom. Finally the children did an amazing job in our Nativity! Bonnes vacances à tout le monde, et à l'année prochaine!



The Hedgehogs have been busy! We have been learning all about different celebrations such as Christmas, Eid, Diwali, Hannukah, the Olympics, Halloween and birthdays. We have been working like real authors, planning, drafting, editing and publishing our writing. We have been learning about addition and subtraction within 20 and remembering our number bonds. We have been learning all about the post office and running a mini post office in our classroom. Santa has sent the Hedgehogs Freddie the Elf to check that we are excellent learners. We loved watching 'Snow White and Red Rose' at the BAC and singing 'Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree' at the Church. Remember to read everyday during the holidays. See you next year!



This half term, **Badgers** have been busy with our Topic Celebrations. We have learned French Vocabulary about Christmas, Eid, Diwali, Hannukah, birthdays, and more. We are working hard on improving our writing by using the plan, draft, edit and publish cycle. We spent a week learning about anti-bullying and made posters for our classroom. We wrote non-fiction books about the different celebrations we have studied. In Maths, we have been doing addition and subtraction within 20 and consolidating our number bonds and number facts. Please remember to read every day over the break, and don't forget to return your holiday homework on the first day back! Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année!



Wow! Another busy half term. All children have worked very hard and made progress with their Autumn term targets. We have been busy learning about animals and why they live in different habitats. We have explored different sentence types e.g. command, statements, questions and exclamation sentences. In Numeracy the children have learnt about multiplication and division. Owls also made beautiful calendars for our Winter Fete. We are looking forward, to the New Year when we will begin our new targets and IPC topic 'Seeing in the Light'. **Reminders for next term:** Can I remind you all that it is very important to read with your child every day at home. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a great New Year!



The **Foxes** have been as busy and hardworking as ever throughout Autumn 2. We have conquered our first multiplication and division unit in Maths Mastery, published both a fiction and a non-fiction piece of extending writing in Literacy, and discovered more about the Earth as our habitat in IPC. We have continued to make superb progress with our French phonics scheme of work and several of the children are beginning to decode simple texts - bravo! Year 2 recently enjoyed a trip to Battersea Arts Centre to see Snow White and Rose Red which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The Foxes have also teamed up with their Year 1 counterparts and learned word-perfect 3 French songs for our Christmas performance. Miss Carter is very proud of you all. Bonnes vacances les Renards! See you in 2018.



This half term has been very enjoyable and I am very proud of Starfish class for completing their first term in Year 3. It's a very big achievement as the transition from Key stage 1 can be quite challenging. The children have completed their exploration of the Ancient Egyptians and are experts on many aspects of Ancient Egypt including daily life, the River Nile, many pharaohs and Gods. The children have created information packed explanation posters about King Tut. They have used graphite pencils and oil pastels to create their own interpretation of Egyptian art. We really enjoyed a trip to the British Museum! In maths the children have been getting to grips with our number system, they can add and subtract 3 digit numbers using regrouping. We have just begun using 3 digit numbers in word problems and will re-visit this soon. Have a wonderful break, enjoy the festivities.



We've had a wonderful half-term in Penguins class. We started this half-term with a very enjoyable trip to the British Museum where we pretended to be archaeologists and learnt about the complicated work they carry out in order for us to enjoy the amazing Egyptian artefacts on display—we even saw a real Mummy! We have learnt the difficult steps in mummification in English and French and have continued to research Tutankhamen and produced detailed, informative texts using titles and sub headings on all the reasons why he is so famous and whether there is indeed a Mummy's Curse. We have been working very hard on our French grammar and have finished off the whole programme of Taoki, ready to start a new French grammar scheme in January. In Maths we have continued our work on place value and learnt how to regroup, plus we have managed to make graphs and pictograms. We will have gymnastics next term which will replace swimming. We wish all a wonderful Christmas Holiday and a Happy New Year!



Seals have had a wonderful half term! We started off our literacy with a debate on an issue that divides opinion: Are zoos a prison or a paradise for animals? Then, following a mysterious break-in in the Seals class during which our beloved class mascot, Toby, was cruelly taken, we conducted an investigation and wrote newspaper reports to explain what had happened. Fortunately Toby was returned with an anonymous note of apology—it was all a cruel joke! In Maths we have been working on our multiplication and division methods and have just completed our work on interpreting data in graphs. In our topic 'Land, Sea and Sky', we practised our sketching skills to examine and dissect plants. We also looked at animal habitats and how certain animals have adapted to their environments. We explored food chains in different habitats and how important it is that these chains are not broken. We ended the term with a violin performance, a carol concert and some fantastic carol singing! I wish you all a well-earned restful and happy Christmas and New Year!



Another very busy half-term flies by in Sharks. The children completed some fantastic writing based on our debate about whether animals should be kept in zoos. We also wrote newspaper reports to explain the mysterious disappearance of Turbo, our class mascot. Thankfully he was found, but we are still no closer to knowing who could have committed this cruel crime. In Maths we have been working extremely hard on our multiplication and division written methods and we have just completed our challenging work on interpreting data in bar graphs, pictograms and line graphs. In our topic 'Sur Terre, Sur Mer et dans l'Air' we practised our sketching skills to examine and dissect plants. We also looked closely at animal habitats and how certain animals have adapted to thrive within them. We have also explored food chains in different habitats and how important it is that these chains are not broken. In French, we continued to work hard on gender, plurals and the verbs être et avoir in the present tense. We finished off the term in style with some brilliant singing and fantastic dancing at the Church performance. Nous vous souhaitons un joyeux Noël et rendez-vous en 2018!



Turtles have had an excellent half term! We started by learning more about our IPC Topic theme of AD900. We researched the Benin Empire and what happens when different civilisations meet. We have also employed critical thinking to learning about the past through art, first hand recounts and modern day traditions. In literacy, we have discussed the purpose of non-chronological reports and the importance of sharing knowledge. We have learnt how to use different grammatical and language features to engage, excite and inform our readers. Furthermore, we adapted our style of writing to suit a younger audience by including lots of humour, regular clarification and not to mention plenty of gory details about the different battles fought in the ancient past! In Literacy we have developed our questioning skills as well as discussing author intent and practicing our ability to summarise non-fiction texts. In Maths we have been calculating area and perimeter and applying this learning to create gingerbread houses! We thoroughly enjoyed learning our Christmas Carol for the recent performance and are still keenly working on our next and final dance performance for creative week in January - see you there!



This term Dolphins have enjoyed learning through a range of engaging and hands on activities! In literacy this term dolphins focused on reading and composing a range of texts for different purposes and audiences. Students skills in writing shone when they explored writing their own newspaper articles, biographies and flashbacks, using a range language devices to engage the audience. In Numeracy this term students, continued to develop their number sense and fluency in the four methods; specifically mastering multiplication and division. Students also continued to develop their skills in reasoning and problem solving through a range of multistep words problems. Students enjoyed various practical tasks to deepen their understanding in measurement; using various tools to measure length, weight and volume. It has been a wonderful term, with exciting festivities celebrated! I wish everyone a safe holiday period. Reminders: P.E will continue on Mondays. Homework will be provided on Fridays and due on Wednesday



Seahorses have had a fantastic and jam packed half term! We all enjoyed writing some great flashbacks based on the short film, 'The Piano'. Our use of advanced punctuation has improved and we have been working hard on our spelling skills in class. We have learnt about the different style of Roman housing in IPC, creating our own leaflets alongside showcasing some wonderful creative skills when we made our own Greek theatre masks. In maths we have worked really hard on the four operations, using these to solve 2 and 3 step word problems. In PSCH we have been learning about empathy— putting ourselves in someone else's shoes, and considering how we can approach a problem or difficulty. I am very pleased with all of the Seahorses and their hard work this term. I wish you all a restful and relaxing break!



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