

21st December 2018

Autumn Term



FOUNDATION STAGE NEWSLETTER

It is hard to believe that we are coming to the end of your child's first term at Poulton Lancelyn Primary. Time flies when you're having so much fun in F2. It has been lovely to watch the children embrace their new learning. It has been amazing to see how much progress all the children have made since they started in September and the great friendships that are starting to develop. We have had a busy 1st term and we wanted to share with you some of the exciting news and activities the children have been learning since they started in September. Thank you for your support this term, the staff and I, have really appreciated it.

Miss Haworth (Acting Deputy Headteacher)

The F2 team would like to wish you and your family a MERRY CHRISTMAS a
HAPPY NEW YEAR for 2019.



We have had a special visitor in F2 this month. 'Whistles the elf' has been causing all sorts of mischief, which the children have loved. Whistles has been reporting back to the North Pole each night. He was very proud of all the children in their carol concert and has enjoyed singing the songs too.



On the 4th December the children had their first school trip and walked up to the post-box to post our letters. We hope you enjoyed receiving your letters through the post and finding out about what they like doing in F2. The children learnt about the journey of a letter and how it travels from the post-box to the sorting office to your house.

Our F2 Christmas Carol Concert was beautiful and the children have done a fantastic job learning all of the songs. They sang, and performed with instruments to create lots of festive cheer. Well Done everyone!



Star of the Week - Benny and Rosie have been very busy, visiting different houses at the weekends. The children and staff enjoy reading your weekend news. I wonder where they will visit next time?



Trip to 'IMAGINE THAT' Liverpool FRIDAY 11th JANUARY 2019.

If you have volunteered to help on the trip, we will send a letter on **TUESDAY 8th JANUARY 2019** to confirm your place on the trip. Thank you for volunteering and your support. **PLEASE RETURN PERMISSION SLIPS BY MONDAY 7th JANUARY 2019.**

<http://imaginethat.org.uk>

We are often asked for class lists, unfortunately we are not allowed to provide parents with class lists of names. This is to protect all the children and follows GDPR rulings.



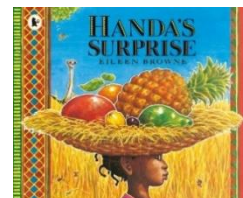
Regular twitter updates are added – Please follow us @poultonlancelyn

Keep up to date with F2 information on our year group page on the school website. If you were unable to make it to the recent RWI phonics workshop, we have uploaded the ppt and handouts onto our year group page.

www.poultonlancelyn.wirral.sch.uk

This term the children have enjoyed reading and listening to many different story books from Owl Babies, Elmer, The Rainbow Fish, The Jolly Christmas Postman, and many more.

We have read the story book Handa's Surprise in Literacy. This gave us an opportunity to look at different fruits from the story. All the children had an opportunity to taste some of the fruits in the story including some we may not have tried before. We tried banana, Kiwi, Mango, Pineapple, Sharon Fruit, Papaya and Avocado Pear. The staff were very impressed by the children who enjoyed trying the new fruits. Some even asked for more!



We worked with a visiting artist to create two pieces of felt Elmer and Rainbow Fish pictures. All the children participated and worked collaboratively to embed our MAT CARE values. The children learnt new skills to make the felt out of Merino wool.



This term the children have been learning their phonics through our new programme RWI and it is wonderful to see the children starting to apply these sounds into their reading and writing. They are enjoying meeting the Oxford Reading Tree characters, learning their names and sharing their adventures through the other books they bring home. We want children to enjoy reading for pleasure by reading and listening to stories being read to them through a wide variety of books at home and in school.



We are very proud of the children who are becoming more independent with their dressing and undressing for PE. They are getting better with fastening buttons and zips. Well Done for practising at home.

In PE the children have practised skipping, jumping, hopping and balancing skills through different activities and games. We have learnt how to keep safe and use the space around us carefully. They have learnt to work together and the importance of exercise on their bodies and what happens to their heart.

We are also learning how to hold a pencil and use scissors correctly. Can you practise at home cutting different shapes and gluing them to make pictures?



The children have spent time with their Year 6 'big friends' this term. They had time on the playground playing together and performed their carol concert for them. The children are having a morning with their big friends on Friday 21st December.

The children talked about their bodies and explored the 5 senses in science. The children also made predictions and observed what happens to chocolate when heated. They have had opportunities to make simple predictions before investigating what happens to chocolate when left on their hands.

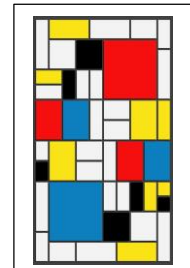
The children have been on an Autumnal walk around school to collect Autumnal objects e.g. conkers, acorns and leaves. The children talked about the changes in leaves and the signs of Autumn and other seasons.



The children have explored different technologies and have learnt how we receive and send messages via an email. The children were very excited to send a class email to their teachers and to receive a response. They have learnt about the different parts of a computer and how to keep safe on computers and on the internet using Smartie the Penguin.

<http://www.childnet.com/resources/smartie-the-penguin>

The children have learnt about the artist Mondrian and used sponges and paint to print with the primary colours to recreate their own art work.



Can we ask you to ensure all PE Kits, jumpers, coats, water bottles etc are clearly labelled.

Reading books should be in school every day and completed homework folders should be handed in on a Wednesday.