

Week Beginning 05/01/16

Happy New Year from Columbus:

We have started the week reflecting on last year's achievements and have made some thoughtful New Year's resolutions.

- In **Maths** we have been looking over our calculation strategies with a new year and have revised some of these. We've begun looking at shape, starting with 2D shapes. We had to try and name 2d shapes from memory and include properties such as number of sides, corners, lines of symmetry and say whether the shape was regular or not (are all sides and angles even?) We were rusty on some of these and so have devised ourselves cheat sheets which name the shape and its properties. We have found spelling some of these mathematical terms tricky and need lots of practice.
- In **Literacy** we have written a cold task where a character meets and befriends a dragon. We were all set individual targets to work on from these, which we'll work on over the course of our descriptive unit of work. In class we've begun reading 'How to Train a Dragon,' picking out features and specific language we were impressed with and needed to learn. We've imagined what life would be like knowing a dragon and have hot-seated some children who described their dragons to us and told us how they've managed to get them trained.
- In **History** we are learning all about Ancient China and have started off looking at maps and physical features of China. Could you do some further research to help you for next week?
- In Music we have been thinking about rhythm- show those at home the beat you tried to keep.
- In **RE** we have been looking at the origins of Buddhism to relate to our China topic.

Talk about:

Think about the New Year ahead and all the work we are embarking on. Lots of you wanted to spend less time on computing devices and more time getting stuck into a 'good read.' Try reading something at home this weekend that you can come back and talk about to everyone in class, such as character description. We will be sending reading diaries home next week as a home-school contact about children's reading.

Homework: Lots of careful spelling work completed over the holidays ☺. This week we would like you to look over the shape audit you tried in class and re-do this, now we've looked over the shapes in class. The spelling of shapes is really important so take time to learn these carefully. You could add shapes I've not included too. Have a go at cutting out shapes from catalogues, magazines or newspapers to think about their properties (good for practicing cutting skills too!)

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