



# Weekly Newsletter



12th January 2024

## RECEPTION - FOUR SEASONS

Reception have had a super busy first week back. The children have been learning about winter and the different seasons. We read a non-fiction book about Winter to find out more information. The children have been discussing the changes that occur in winter, and talked about the weather, clothing, winter trees and the environment during winter. We created our own winter paintings, visited the 4d room to develop our vocabulary and much more!

“In winter, you need a hat, gloves and a big coat” Stevie

“I can see lots of snow, it is cold, it must be winter!” Mason W

“I have made a winter painting, it is snowing on the trees” Ivy

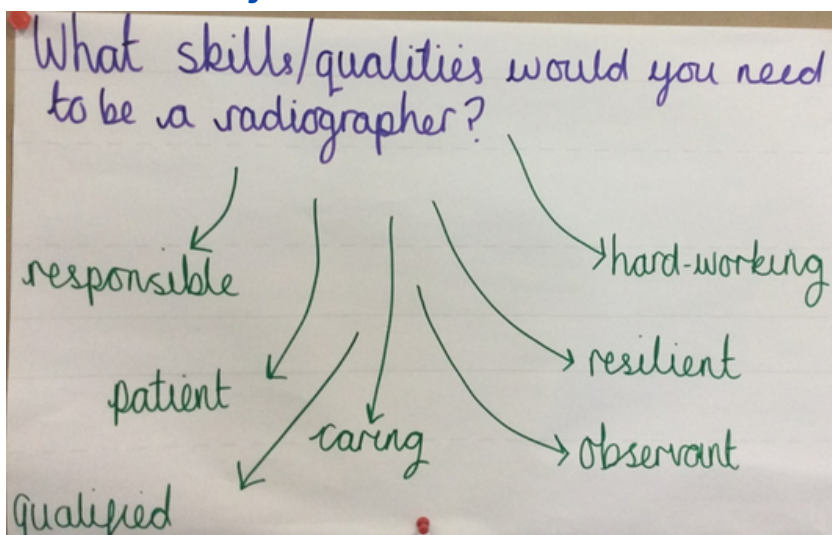


## Year 6 - The Circulatory System

In year 6, we have started our new science topic – The Circulatory System. Our ‘Scientist Like Me’ for this half term is Michelle Williams. Michelle Williams is a Radiology Consultant, who uses various technology to discover new information in medical imaging. She uses X-Rays, CT scans and MRI scans to look at the body in more detail and has spent a lot of her time studying the heart and circulatory system. We considered the skills that would be needed to be a radiographer and the children decided if it was a career they would like to pursue.

I would like to be a radiographer because it looks like a very interesting job and I would be helping many people - Raheeg

I would like to learn the skills to be a radiographer, but I think it would be difficult and a lot of pressure! - Madalynn





Dear children and families,

Happy New Year

We hope you had a wonderful break and that 2024 has got off to a flying start for you all. As always, it is wonderful to see the children and hear their news when we come back after a school break. The children settled back into their routines very quickly and I have enjoyed seeing their work as I move around the school visiting each class.

We are hoping you can help us with some feedback which we will use to inform our planning for the future. Please would you discuss the following points with your children and we will gather their thoughts through the School Council. If you would like to pass on your thoughts in person you can speak to your child's teacher or to Sharon, Amanda or Leona in the school office.

Letterbox Packs

The Governors invest a considerable amount of money in purchasing these large colourful packs that include books, writing sets and Maths games. We hope that they add to the children's book collections and that the games are fun for families to share together.

- Did you enjoy the Letterbox packs that were sent home last term.
- Would you like us to continue funding these in the future?

Attendance Awards

Attendance at Four Oaks is improving and it makes a great difference to the quality of education we can offer if your child is in school every day.

As you may already know we offer the children lots of Attendance Awards. These include writing sets or books for every 10 weeks attendance, whole class awards for the year group with the highest weekly attendance, biscuits for the class with the highest weekly attendance in their year group, surprise mid-week raffle prizes and at the end of every half term, all children with 100% attendance are guaranteed sweets and entered into a £50 Odeon Cinema vouchers prize draw.

- Did you know about all the attendance prizes on offer, or would you like more information sending home?
- Do your children like the prizes or would they like to suggest different prizes?
- Would you like the half termly £50 prize draw to be extended to give you a choice of an Odeon cinema ticket or a Just Eat voucher or hamper?

Father Christmas' Grotto

We wanted to provide an opportunity for every family to have a 'Free' opportunity to visit Father Christmas and to build some lovely memories. We hope the children enjoyed the photo keyring, book and selection box gift from Father Christmas. We have had lots of positive feedback from lots of you, so thank you very much for that. We will be inviting Father Christmas to our school Grotto in December 2024.

- Is there anything that we could do differently or that you would like to keep the same e.g. the gifts, photo or organisation?

I am looking forward to planning the future with your help. We shall let you know what the children recommend and, of course, we will take your suggestions into account too.

Have a lovely weekend and we are looking forward to seeing you all on Monday morning.

Mrs S Robinson

**Congratulations to our Autumn 2 Attendance prizes winners of the Odeon Cinema Vouchers - EYFS/KS1 Abdalla, KS2 Rhia. WELL DONE!!!**

Absence: It is your responsibility to phone the school office by 9am each day your child is absent. Please leave a voicemail if there is no answer. TERM TIME HOLIDAYS WILL RESULT IN FINES.

	100% Very best chance of success		99-97% Off to a flying start		96-93% Less chance of success		92-90% At risk of becoming a Persistent Absentee		Less than 90% Persistent Absentee	
Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6				
	94%	96%	93%	94%	96%	98%				93%

**The school target for this academic year is 97%  
 Well done Year 5!!**