



GRACE DIEU MANOR SCHOOL

Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year break.

We are looking forward to a busy Spring term; with lots of exciting activities for the children to enjoy and learn from. If you have any problems or concerns do contact Mrs Breen.

English

- Weekly Spellings.
- Reciting traditional tales and inventing their own.
- Understanding information texts and writing new informative texts.
- Reading and writing their own fantasy story.
- Exploring poems with pattern and rhyme and create new rhyming words, focussing on spelling patterns.

Maths

- Numbers to 100.
- Understand 2-digit numbers as tens and ones.
- Revise pairs of numbers that make 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10.
- Doubling numbers.
- Adding 1-digit numbers to 2-digit numbers.
- 3D shape.
- Counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10.
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Science

- Describe the properties of different materials.
- Sort animals according to their features.
- Identifying and naming a variety of common wild and garden plants.
- Observe and describe the weather associated with the seasons.
- To describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals, including pets.

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Explorers & Inventors

Creative Curriculum

- Finding out about the first great explorers in History.
- Learning about the explorations of Christopher Columbus
- Comparing Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus
- Captain Scott and his journey to the Antarctica
- Using directional keys in Computing to complete challenges and escape mazes.
- Creating and debugging a set of instructions (algorithm)
- Changing and extending an algorithm as necessary.
- Looking at the work of Monet and Van Gogh and using this as inspiration for our own artwork.

RE

- Special People
- Meals

Visits and Important Dates

- **Whole School Mass:** Friday 12th January (9am)
- **Fire and Rescue Presentation:** Tuesday 16th January
- **Trip to Think Tank, Birmingham:** Wednesday 17th January.
- **Home clothes day:** Friday 9th February

PSHCE

- Daring to be different.
- Recognise and respect other people's differences.
- Appreciate what makes us special.
- Recognise feelings of worry and anxiety.
- Understand how to stay calm and relaxed.

The children will continue to need their **PE kits every Wednesday** and their **swimming kit every Tuesday**.

Outdoor Learning will still be every **Friday** afternoon so please bring or leave suitable clothing, **waterproof jacket and trousers** and **Wellington boots**.

"Learning and growing in the light of the Gospel"