



Our Core Subject Learning Focuses

PRODUCTION

The children were superstars last week! The entire Year Group staff are incredibly proud of the children for their acting skills, beautiful singing and dancing in our production of 'Stable Manners.'

We would like to express our appreciation to you, the parents and carers of the children, for your support in the two weeks to learn lines, practice songs and provide outstanding costumes for the children to perform in. We hope you enjoyed the performances.

MATHS

THIS WEEK: We will be revising concepts that we have taught over the past term 'wrapped' in a Christmas theme. Multiplication, division, addition and subtraction will all feature this week, as well as some old favourites such as co-ordinates and square numbers.

Over the course of the Christmas holidays, please continue to support your child with the learning of their times tables – they are a valuable mathematical skill! Thank you.

ENGLISH

THIS WEEK: We will continue to focus on Grammar techniques based on errors and gaps in the children's knowledge from the recent assessments conducted this half term. Grammatical concepts such as, subordinate clauses, the word types and differing noun types will be covered over the next few weeks. We will be picking up our Talk for Writing unit of Zelda Claw and The Rain Cat in the new term.

READING

THIS WEEK: We will be exploring some Christmas-based excerpts from texts and using a variety of skills. We will be predicting what we think might happen next as well as using inference, using clues to explain our understanding of the text.



Last week's **Year 4 Learning Legends** were **Luke B.** and **Tofarati O.** for their speedy learning of new parts in the production. They have stood out to the Year 4 team for their kindness and consideration they give to others. Congratulations!

Pickhurst Junior Academy PE Kit:

Plain white t-shirt, plain black shorts, trainers and a plain, dark tracksuit.

BOTTLE FLIPPING

This new found and skilful craze has found it's way into Pickhurst Junior Academy. Although the skill is quite impressive, it is often practised by the children at times that is not always appropriate or safe (in classrooms near electrical equipment). Despite several reminders, this practise has continued. **Therefore, please note that bottle flipping has now be banned from the school.**

Year 4 Christmas Party

Tuesday 13th December 2016 – The children will be allowed to wear their Christmas Party clothes (Afternoon only, please attend school in uniform), sing Christmas songs and enjoy the hall being transformed into a cinema! Please contribute to the snacks for the year group: **4C – sweets (no nuts); 4F – cartons/fruit shoots; 4P – Biscuits/crisps (no nuts); 4W – popcorn.**

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 16th December 2016 – Wear your Christmas Jumper to school with a donation towards the Save the Children charity.



All of the Year 4 Team from Pickhurst Junior Academy would like to wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas. Please enjoy the break and stay safe. See you on Tuesday 3rd January 2017!

