Friday 12th January



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Welcome back everybody we hope you all had a relaxing Christmas holiday and a happy start to the New Year.

This term our topic will be Houses and Homes. We will be learning about different types of homes, materials they are made out of and why we need somewhere to live. We will also look at different types of animal habitats. This week we have been looking at our information book all about ‘Houses and Homes’.

We have enjoyed sharing the fantastic topic homework children have completed over the holidays. Please check out our photos on the website.

Nursery have been comparing groups of objects in Numeracy this week and have been saying whether a group has more/less. Please point out numbers in your environment such as your house number to see your child recognizes it. In letters and sounds we have been following phase 1 phonics, including rhyming, alliteration, environmental sounds and songs: reading books or singing songs to your child will help them with their listening skills.

Reception children love phonics and learning new sounds, they are beginning to use their phonic knowledge within all aspects of the classroom and their learning. Please ask your child to share what they are learning at school with you!

Just a reminder that Reception children will be doing PE on Tuesday morning. Please make sure your child has suitable footwear i.e. no laces. Reception will also being doing Forest School on either a Wednesday or a Thursday afternoon. As we go out in all weathers you are welcome to provide extra clothes, hats and gloves to keep them warm; school provides waterproofs and wellies. Please check our website to see the exciting activities we get up to in our new and improved Forest School site!

We hope your child has been enjoying our new lunchtime menu: please continue to ensure you order your child’s meal online.

Notice Board/Dates for your Diary

TOPIC – **Houses and Homes**

* We have an EYFS Parents Email which you are welcome to send any comments or enquiries to: [eyfsparents@pikefold.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:eyfsparents@pikefold.manchester.sch.uk)
* **Reception and Nursery trip to Smithills farm in Bolton on Thursday 8th February: further details to follow.**
* Please continue to write names in all your child’s clothing including hats and gloves.
* We value any observations you take of your child at home to add to their learning journey.

General Reminders

* Please check out our website blog and leave any comments!: [www.pikefold.manchester.sch.uk](http://www.pikefold.manchester.sch.uk) and click on the EYFS page.
* Please ensure your child has a **spare change of clothes** (these can stay in our blue peg bags at school).
* If you have any materials at home we could use for junk modelling (not toilet rolls or egg boxes) please bring in!

Pupil voice

Isabella: “I live in a flat, it has lots of stairs”

Grace: “The table is in the kitchen- we set the table and then eat our food”.

Jamie: “I can feel my heart beating faster” (after dance).

Bobbie: “I love to run down the hill, I’m very fast” (at Forest School)

At Home

Ideas to help at home –

Number of the week is 12

Reception – This week’s homework is a houses and home learning sheet.

Encourage your child to practise writing their tricky words The, to, I, no, go, we, me, be, he, she.

Encourage children to write their names.