

Dear Parents,

What we have enjoyed this week ...

It was lovely to catch up with all the children after the half term holiday. It sounds like they all had a great time!

This week, it has been History week in school. Everyone enjoyed sharing their homework about what they had learnt about school in the past. On Monday, we explored the words past, present and future. The children enjoyed watching a programme on the interactive whiteboard all about what school was like in Victorian times. They found out that in the past, children had to write on boards with chalk and that nobody played at school!

Everyone decided that they preferred school in 2022 to school in the Victorian times. Despite preferring school today, the children have enjoyed exploring our role play Victorian classroom, complete with blackboard and chalk. We have had some extremely strict teachers!

On Tuesday, Mrs Dewar spoke to the children about what life was like when she was at school. She told them all about how she used to write with a pen and ink pot and how she had to wear lots of layers in winter because there was no central heating! Mrs Dewar also taught the children some of the songs and games that she used to play on the yard with her friends. Everyone loved joining in with 'In and Out the Dusty Bluebells' and 'The Big Ship Sails on the Ally, Ally Oh'!

Over the course of the week, the children have worked as mini historians to investigate a picture taken of a group of children and their teacher in 1900. The mini historians wrote what they could see in the picture, and then, with support, recorded what they thought it must have been like to attend Edenfield School at that time.

This week, we have also introduced a new routine to life in Class Reception. Each morning, after our 'Chatter Time Sessions', the children have been taking part in alternate 'morning writing' and 'morning maths' sessions. During morning writing, the children have practised writing their names in their special writing book. Everybody did a great job of being just like Tryalot and having a go!

During 'morning maths' sessions, the children have had the opportunity to practise forming their numbers and representing numbers in different ways. In the future, these sessions will be used to explore different strategies and mathematical concepts.

Waterproofs

Despite the rain and wind, the children still have access to the outdoors during activity time. Please ensure that all waterproofs have been returned to school after the half term holiday, so that children can access all areas of the provision.

Homework

This week, we have been playing a Numberblocks matching game in class. I would like the children to have a go at preparing, explaining and playing the game at home with an adult.

There are lots of ways that you can play the game. If your child is confident at matching and recognising the numbers, they may like to try a challenge, for example, turning over two cards and adding the amounts together. They could even record their answers in their Learning Diary.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Hope

