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# Pearl Class Newsletter



I hope you all have had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. It has been great having the children back ready to learn! It has been a great week and a half with the children and I hope they are enjoying being back at school.

In PE this term the children will be doing invasion games such as hockey on Wednesday mornings with Mr Muckle and in gymnastics they will be looking at "flight" skills such as leaping from one piece of equipment to another. On Wednesday, the children were using hockey sticks to move and stop their hockey ball. They then went in pairs to try and take the ball away from each other.



In maths this week, the children have been recapping angles and using this knowledge to organise them and compare them. They have also started to look at different shapes such as rectangles and triangles and finding out their different properties.

In science this term, the children will be looking at properties of materials. This week we recapped states of matter. The children created their own poster page to explain what each state is and gave their own examples.

Our over arching theme this term is the Ancient Maya, the children have already learned lots from their WOW day on Friday. This week, they placed the Ancient Maya on a timeline and compared it to different parts of history they have already learned. They were shocked to see how long the Maya civilisation was around and they were able to find similarities and differences between Maya and Ancient Egypt.

During English this term, we will be looking at creating a non-chronological report on the Ancient Maya. The children have had fun using iPads and books to research the Maya. They will continue to learn the skills of a non-chronological report next week before writing up their own fact file!

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### **Pearl Class**

**PE** - will take place on Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. Please ensure your child is wearing a PE kit in school on these days - thank you.

**Spellings** - this will no longer be set to test. Instead your child will bring home a spelling book, which will show you what words and rules we have been learning each week.

**Reading** - Children can read independently, however please sign their reading record so we know they have read at home.

**Mathletics** - Will be set online on Friday for your child to complete the following week.

**TTRS** - Please support your child with their times tables by logging on and letting the children complete different challenges.