



## JANUARY Newsletter

11<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and a Happy New Year to you all. It has been lovely seeing all the children again. We have had a great first week. I particularly enjoyed acting out 'We are going on a bear hunt' with the nursery children in the playground. There were some scary bears! Here's what else we have been up to this week:

### Trips and Events

- Year 1 enjoyed a trip to Sutton House. They learnt about the history of the house as well as learning about other sorts of habitats. Their topic is 'Houses and Homes'.
- Year 2 visited Stepney Farm today to support their learning about animals.

### Sharing Good Learning

Instead of sharing good learning this week, we had a special assembly delivered by staff from the NSPCC (National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children). They talked to the children about how to stay safe by speaking out to a trusted adult if they were worried or felt unsafe.

### FSU News

The Cubs have made a wonderful start to a new term, getting quickly back into routine after a long holiday. The children have been reading 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and the children learnt a new word; narrow. Mia decided to make a narrow road outdoors for the bikes. Uzayr realised the road was too narrow. "I can make it wider," he said and he started adjusting the road. The children had fun creating a gloomy cave. They found lots of dark material needed to make the cave dark and gloomy. We also became explorers and we went exploring around the school. The children explored Kate's office and Shelly's office too. We found lots of interesting things to talk about. We are looking forward to more exploring next week.

We are delighted to welcome the children back to a new year of exciting learning opportunities. This week the Tigers dived into our new topic of exploring. They spoke about what they explored in the holidays and Claudia even made her own exploration book where she recorded all the exciting things she did. Amelie also brought to school some lovely drawings and writing about her fun holiday at the beach and at the fun fair.

In the classroom, we have started building a space station and the children absolutely love it. Ayaan put on a silver helmet and said, "I am flying to the moon." Ayana Ali joined him and together they travelled through space. Zaheer took over and instructed the astronaut, "Turn left, now turn right, I am controlling the ship." Yousef saw a strange picture in our space station and asked, "What is this? I've never seen it before." We praised Yousef's curiosity and explained to him that the strange object is a satellite. Next week we will be starting our main story 'How to Catch a Star' by Oliver Jeffers. It would be great if you could ask the children to speak about what they are learning at school. Every child in the class gets really excited about exploring space.

### Clubs

Clubs will start again on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> January. Unfortunately, we still do not have a tutor for the keyboard club. As soon as we do, we will let you know.

### Attendance and Punctuality Table

Year Group	Number of pupils late	Ranking	Attendance	Ranking
Reception	1	1st	98.00%	3rd
Year 1	3	6th	85.71%	5th
Year 2	1	1st	99.66%	1st
Year 3	2	5th	96.79%	4th
Year 4	1	1st	98.67%	2nd
Year 5	3	6th	94.31%	6th
Year 6	1	1st	93.08%	7th

**Well done year 2, I am very proud of your attendance! All years now need to improve their lateness. Parents please make sure your child is lined up in the playground at 8.55am, so that they are in lessons and ready to start their learning. I would just like to remind you that in accordance with the Tower Hamlets Penalty Notice Scheme you will be fined if your child is late 20 or more times in a term.**



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### Forthcoming events

7 <sup>th</sup> January	School opens@ 8.55am
9 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 1 visiting Sutton House
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 2 family assembly @ 9.10am
30 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 3 visiting Sutton house
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 visiting Hyde Park
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 visiting Westminster Abbey
11 <sup>th</sup> Feb to 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 3 intensive swimming every day for 1 week

### Dates for the rest of this Year

	End of Term	School Closed
24 <sup>th</sup> December to 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2019		
18 <sup>th</sup> February to 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2019	Half Term	School Closed
8 <sup>th</sup> April to 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2019	End of Term	School Closed
27 <sup>th</sup> May to 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2019	Half term	School Closed
4 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Occasional day	School Closed ** Date to be confirmed
22 <sup>nd</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Inset Days	School Closed

Best wishes,

Kate Gooding, head teacher