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Coming to the end of the Autumn term, the children have worked hard on the road to Christmas and covered lots of subject knowledge. This review outlines all the key areas of their learning.

In Maths, we have introduced Times Table Rockstar which has been a huge success in our class. All the children are using it weekly and are having a go at home. We have an outfit of the week where children use their skills to buy a new outfit through completing times table questions. Maths began with fractions, where children were able to split parts of a whole into different fractions, and showing their knowledge of how to make equivalent fractions and also to add and subtract fractions with the same denominator. We then moved onto 2d and 3d shapes, understanding and comparing their properties. This consisted of the children finding different parts of the shape, such as their types of lines, angles and lines of symmetry. Within our last few weeks, we looked at different types of measurement and how the pupils could measure real life items and convert between different units of measurement. To finish the unit of maths, we looked at time and how to read time in detail, especially looking at 5-minute and 1-minute intervals and being able to write in analogue time and digital.

In English, our book of study was 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' by C.S. Lewis. The story is a classic children's fantasy novel that takes readers on a magical journey through a wardrobe into the enchanting world of Narnia where four siblings must battle the evil witch and restore the rightful ruler to the throne. The learning consisted of the children discovering different aspects of the story, using their powers of description through different techniques such as similes, metaphors and personification. The children

were able to taste 'Turkish delight' which stems from the famous scene where Edmund receives his favourite food by the white witch who conjures it out of magical snow drops. The children then created their own version of 'Aslan' (The Lion) who became a hero in their own right, conquering and saving their own world.

Our topic this term was Geography-based, and focussed upon the tea trade between India and the UK. The children learned how to navigate maps in atlases and online. We looked at Asia as a whole and children were able to find neighbouring countries to India. They then understood how tea is transported by different modes of transport between countries. We then compared how tea farmers do their job, compared to local farmers in England. This consisted of seeing what is grown, what climate they both have, and if there are any similarities between the two.

In Science, we had a biology focus on the digestive system and teeth. The children went on a journey understanding the route of how our food is digested. We looked at different parts of the system to understand their function. We then discussed different types of teeth and how they have different uses. We went on to how our diet can affect all of these. We covered the five food groups so the children can know what it means to have a balanced diet.

I am extremely happy with our how our first full term has gone. The children are coming into school with work they are doing at home. I enjoy seeing their interest in our topics in and out of school. I hope you all have an amazing Christmas. Thank you for all your support and we look forward to seeing you in the new year.

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