

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you and your family had a restful and enjoyable half term break and are looking forward to the term ahead as we head into the Christmas period. We in **Matisse Class** can't wait to get started on this new term full of exciting learning opportunities.

The class will continue to be taught by myself, **Mr Jeffries**, **Miss Maeder** and **Mr Akram**, all of whom you may have met at last terms hugely successful Parents afternoon. **Mrs Clarke** will also continue to provide invaluable support to your pupils as well as across the rest of **MOMA Gallery**. We look forward to welcoming the children back and getting the term started.

Through our festive focus entitled "It's Christmas!", we'll be exploring the much-loved classic *The Polar Express*. This magical text will form the basis of the development of our Persuasive writing skills in **English**.

Our **Maths** lessons will focus on Number Operations, Shape and Statistics. As always, looking for practical approaches, hands on resources and real-life examples to help children secure key concepts and apply their learning in different ways.

In **Science**, our focus will be on Light and Sound. We'll carry out lots of exciting experiments, including refraction of light in water, shadow play, sound vibrations, and of course, the classic cups-and-string experiment!

Our **Computing** lessons will develop our digital literacy skills, while in **Music**, we'll be uncovering the secrets behind a classic UK Christmas Number One! We'll explore genre, theme, and mood - and even create some of our own festive music using digital technology. In R.E, we'll be learning about Holy and Religious Journeys, exploring their meaning and purpose across a range of religions including Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Sikhism, Buddhism, and Judaism.

In **PSHE**, we'll be thinking deeply about *valuing our differences* and learning how to support one another to be the very best we can be, with this and all of the above underpinned by our termly value of 'High Expectations'. Our Structured Social Development sessions will take place at St Edwards on Tuesday afternoons and will be supported by their Lower 6th as part of our ongoing partnership.

It will also be our turn to access swimming lessons on Monday mornings, so please ensure that your permissions are back in good time. We place a great deal of importance on the ability to be able to swim as a vital life skill and hope that everyone will be able to access this off site learning opportunity.

We're really excited for the term ahead and can't wait to build on the progress the children have already made. If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch. Thank you for your continued support; we're looking forward to another fantastic term in **Matisse Class**.

Warm regards,

Mr Jeffries & the Matisse class team

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