

# Acers News!

## Happy New Year!

Firstly, I hope you have all had a wonderful holiday and Happy New Year to you and your family. We have had a wonderful first week back and I have loved hearing the lovely memories you have all made over the holidays.

We have thoroughly enjoyed learning and exploring 'Still, I Rise' by Maya Angelou this week. In this writing unit, we will explore some of the issues raised within the poem and relate it to bullying. The children will devise and perform (should they wish) their own version of the poem.

In maths, both year 4 and 5 have began their second multiplication and division unit and have been using previous knowledge to support them. Please encourage Year 4 children practise regularly on Times Table Rockstars as we aim to know all times tables to 12X12 by the end of the year. They have made fantastic progress already and the children are very eager to achieve 'Team 25' on our display.

Our Geography unit is 'Frozen Kingdom' and we will be exploring this in depth this term. We have already started to build on our previous knowledge of The Northern and Southern hemisphere and understanding the Equator, longitude and latitude and time zones.

In Science, we are excited to explore electricity. We will be making our own circuits and investigating which materials can conduct an electrical current and which are insulators.

Our Art unit this term is 'Environmental Art'. The children will be researching and designing an inspirational piece of artwork using recycled materials. Please can children start to bring in recycled plastic (cleaned please!) to use in their project.

This half-term we have forest school. Please ensure children are appropriately dressed for all weathers.

Finally, we have introduced Class Dojo as a whole school. The children have been working hard to achieve dojo points in lessons and around school. Our targets are: 50, 75, 150 and 200. As the children reach a target, they can choose to redeem their points to use as a special treat (eg: 50 points = wearing slippers for the day) or to keep their points to work towards a different treat. Well done to the following children for achieving 50 points and their certificate: Poppy, Imogen, Riley, Sofia, Esme, Ethan, Evie, Gracie, Ivy, Paige, Tyson and Vanessa. Lots of children are very close!!

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Colville, Mrs Bowering and Mrs Garry