



# Sedlescombe Newsletter No. 15

## WORSHIP THEME - New Year's Resolutions

This week we have been thinking about New Year's resolutions and how very often by the end of January we have either given up or forgotten what they were in the first place!

We realised this is sometimes because we are trying to give up something that is not very good for us and we then get tempted and give up or stop trying.

In worship we looked at some children in Honduras who used the New Year as an incentive to try and make a change that would not only help them but others in their community. They decided to start an allotment and to try and grow some vegetables that their family could eat and sell to make money. They did so well that they had lots of vegetables to sell and managed to grow some vegetables they had never tasted before. Not only did their actions help their families but it inspired others to do the same and transformed the lives of many poor families in the village.

The children were asked to think about our school values of kindness, courage, honesty, aspiration, forgiveness and thankfulness and to reflect on what they could do as a New Year's resolution that would help them and our school community. The children came up with lots of ideas including showing kindness to others, remembering to say thank you, to keep trying in our learning and to try new things. I look forward to the children putting these ideas into action at school and hopefully at home as well.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

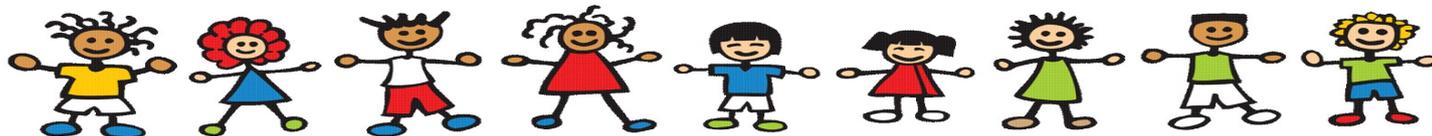
Welcome back to Term 3! I hope that you all managed to stay well over the Christmas holidays and had some quality family time together.

## CLASS NEWSLETTERS

All of the children are starting new topics this term and more information on the topics can be found on the Class Newsletters which will be e-mailed home later today. In addition there is a short overview on the class pages of the website.

The topics for Term 3 are:

- Mozart—What is a Reflection?
- Van Gogh—Memory Box
- Lowry—Much, Mess and Mixtures
- McCartney—Gods and Mortals
- Da Vinci—Traders and Raiders
- Picasso—Pharaohs
- Vivaldi—Blood Heart



I have already had great fun looking at all the baby photos outside Year 1; trying to match the baby photos to the children. Vivaldi have been dissecting a lamb's heart (pictures on the website) and I had great fun in Mozart helping the children to dress up and choose their favourite reflection.

## ASSESSMENT UPDATE

Prior to the school holidays the children from Year 1 upwards undertook standardised assessments in reading, grammar, punctuation and spelling and maths.

This week Mrs Riseborough and I have been meeting with all of the class teachers to discuss the assessments and look at which children are on track to make good progress and who may need additional support to remain on track to make good progress.

As discussed in the Data Newsletter we will be sharing this information with parents. I hope to get a letter out to each parent at the end of next week letting you know how your child attained on each of the tests and where the teacher has assessed your child based on class work. There will be a covering letter with this to explain the new scores and what they mean. We hope that you will find this useful. If the class teacher has any particular concerns about your child's progress they will be making contact to request a meeting to discuss how school and home can work together to accelerate progress.

## ATTENDANCE LETTERS

Next week Attendance Letters will be sent home for all children. Your child's attendance will be assessed as either red, amber or green.

We are aware that there was a lot of illness last term. This may mean that your child has slipped into the red zone for attendance. We will continue to monitor this situation, but if the absence was linked to an illness we will not be contacting you to discuss your child's attendance on this occasion as we are aware of the reasons. However, we do have a duty to regularly update parents with their child's attendance data.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

# Wonderful Weekly News

 <b>Star Learners</b> 
<b>Mozart:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sofia</li> <li>Henry</li> </ul>
<b>Van Gogh:</b>
<b>Lowry:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finley</li> <li>Harry S</li> </ul>
<b>McCartney:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alexander</li> <li>Poppy</li> </ul>
<b>Da Vinci:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Iris</li> <li>Tommy-Lee</li> </ul>
<b>Picasso:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paige</li> <li>Felix</li> </ul>
<b>Vivaldi:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will</li> <li>Ashton</li> </ul>

 <b>Star Writers</b> 
<b>Mozart:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eva</li> </ul>
<b>Van Gogh:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Freddie</li> </ul>
<b>Lowry:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Samuel N</li> </ul>
<b>McCartney:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alice</li> </ul>
<b>Da Vinci:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Holly</li> </ul>
<b>Picasso:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beatrix</li> </ul>
<b>Vivaldi:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Raya B</li> </ul>

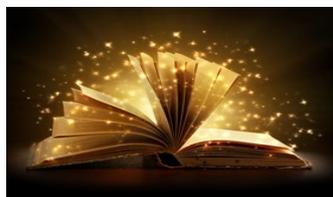
 <b>Maths Wizards</b> 
<b>Mozart:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jackson</li> </ul>
<b>Van Gogh:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hector</li> </ul>
<b>Lowry:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Matilda</li> </ul>
<b>McCartney:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noah</li> </ul>
<b>Da Vinci:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coby</li> </ul>
<b>Picasso:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sid</li> </ul>
<b>Vivaldi:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noah</li> </ul>

 <b>Party Point Champions</b> 	
<b>Van Gogh</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximillian</li> </ul>	<b>Da Vinci</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dixie</li> </ul>
<b>Lowry</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roman</li> </ul>	<b>Picasso</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bella</li> </ul>
<b>McCartney</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Isla</li> </ul>	<b>Vivaldi</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arthur</li> </ul>
<b>KS1 Playtime Champions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lowry</li> </ul>	<b>KS2 Playtime Champions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Picasso</li> </ul>
<b>Congratulations</b>	

<b>Gold Book Awards for Outstanding Work</b>
 

**Attendance Award**  

**Da Vinci**

**Congratulations Everyone**

