

# English Second Language Newsletter

January – 2016



## Welcome to the English L2 Newsletter

### What we have done...

#### P1

In P1 we have been looking at the seasons, weather and opposites. We have sang lots of songs. Our favourite was How's the weather? Which we put actions to. We have also played listening games such as weather bingo and Can you say? We have shown that we can talk about the weather. We produced our own weather maps and presented them to our groups.

#### P2

Before Christmas, in P2, our topic was home. We designed our own homes, labelling the different rooms. We also looked at the furniture you find in different rooms and the different household chores you might do. We also wrote about our favourite room and explained why we like it. This term we have been looking at the weather. We have planned and filmed our own weather forecasts. We enjoyed being in charge of the weather map powerpoint and filming our classmates with the camera. We also completed a survey about the favourite types of weather in our class and found out about different types of extreme weather like flooding and hurricanes! We even made a fact sheet about hurricanes.

#### P3

Before Christmas, the children enjoyed comparing Christmas celebrations. We learnt how children in different countries enjoy the festive period, and what they eat and drink at this special time. We also looked at many different celebrations throughout the year including Carnival, Easter and Halloween and discussed what they mean to us. We have also focused on the start of a New Year (2016) and completed some New Year's resolutions, which we hope to work on and improve throughout the coming year. This term we have talked about what makes a good story and promoted our favourite book. We have studied characters and learnt many new adjectives to describe people. We have looked at settings for fairy tales and drafted plots for our own stories. We have also performed fairytales such as Little Red Riding Hood.

#### P4

In L2 we have been looking at fairy-tales. We made our own stories inspired by Jack and the Beanstalk. We used photo story to design, record and write our story. We enjoyed presenting them to our class as well as other L2 classes. We have saved them onto our USB so our parents can see them too. In P4 we have also written character descriptions, sequenced stories and performed plays.

#### P5

Before Christmas our topic was History. We looked at the Titanic. We focused on what it was like to be a passenger on the Titanic and the events that took place. We created a timeline of the events and found out about the famous 'Unsinkable' Molly Brown. This term we have been looking at health and wellbeing. We have been learning about the human body and how it works. We had a lot of fun creating roles plays about visiting the Doctor. We learned the names of the major human organs and the jobs they do; we also explored the journey our food takes when it is digested. We are now learning about the different food groups and how to eat a healthy balance diet.

## Next topics...

In P1 and 2 we will be looking at the topics of clothing and animals.

In P3 and 4 our topics will be family and music.

In P5 we will be looking at the world of fantasy!

### Useful Websites

P1

Months of the year: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5enDRrWyXaw>,

Opposites: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HGeuA4iJ8vI><https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HGeuA4iJ8vI>

Weather: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TW4OQxUVjiE>.

P2

Seasons Song: <http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/songs/the-leaves-the-tree>

Opposites Game: <http://www.meddybemps.com/opposites/OnOff.html>

Weather Game: <http://www.eslgamesplus.com/weather-vocabulary-interactive-game-for-esl-teaching/>

P3

Story Maker: <http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/make-your-own/story-maker>

Little Red Riding Hood: <http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/short-stories/little-red-riding-hood>

Fairy-tales: <http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/short-stories/the-princess-and-the-dragon>

P4

Past Tense: <http://www.eslgamesplus.com/irregular-past-tense-verbs-spelling-activity-online/>

Fairy-tales: <https://www.youtube.com/user/FairyTalesForYou>

P5

Illness: <http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/short-stories/im-too-ill>

Food: <http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/play-with-friends/food-quiz>

The Body: <http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/play-with-friends/human-body>

