



**Curriculum News:**

**Maths:**  
In maths the children have been exploring the 'bar model' as a visual approach to numbers.  
[http://www.mathplayground.com/tb\\_addition/thinking\\_blocks\\_addition\\_subtraction.html](http://www.mathplayground.com/tb_addition/thinking_blocks_addition_subtraction.html)

**Science:**  
This week we have been exploring food chains and how they work. The children learned about producers, consumers, predators and prey as well as herbivores, omnivores and carnivores.

**English:**  
In English this week we have been focussing on our key word classes—nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs. The children have used thesaurus' to expand their vocabulary, noting down interesting words which they will then use these to create a poem.

**Christmas Production —**  
**The Lion King**

This year our Christmas production will be the Lion King and year 3 will be performing The Lion Sleeps Tonight.

Tickets will be going on sale soon.

Please be aware that children in different houses will perform on different nights—dates tbc.

**Mathstronauts**

This week we introduced our new mental maths challenge—Mathstronauts.

The children have all started at recruit level which focuses on multiplying by 2, dividing by 2 and halving.

**SPELLINGS:**

were, with, when, where, who, which, what, while