



Opal Newsletter

January, Term 3



This Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas! This term, our topic is 'How does that building stay up?' We will be learning about types of buildings and structures in our local area, as well as exploring types of homes and buildings around the world. We will think about their similarities and differences, including materials that are used to build them and how they are constructed.

In story sessions, we will read different versions of 'The Three Little Pigs', as well as 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' and 'A Squash and a Squeeze' by Julia Donaldson.

In maths, we will be practising our number recognition, counting skills, subitizing skills, finding one more and one less than a given number and finding parts of a whole, e.g. 4 and 2 make 6.

Help your child prepare for their project

Take your child on a walk of the local area and look at different types of buildings. How are they the same/different? What materials are they built from? What is the building used for?

Key vocabulary

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| • building | • same | • strong | • What like? |
| • structure | • different | • build | • Where? |
| • material | • weak | | • Who? |

Important Dates

Parents Evening: Monday 2nd February

Chinese Culture & Community Day and end of term: Friday 13th February

Details to follow

Reminders

Please can the pupils continue coming in wearing their P.E kits on **Wednesdays**. We will also have shorter PE sessions on Mondays, but kits will not be needed for this.

Due to the current cold and wet weather, please ensure your child has a warm, waterproof coat for outdoor activities.

Just a little reminder to name all the children's clothing and belongings, this helps us to reunite it quickly and reduces anxiety when items are misplaced. The children are welcome to bring in a small healthy snack for break, for example a piece of fruit/vegetable or crackers.

Please do not hesitate to use the Class Dojo app to communicate with us if you are unable to speak to us in person at drop off or pick up times.



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Ruby



Onyx



Topaz



Quartz



Sapphire



Emerald