



Weekly Update

22nd of November 2019

Development is a series of rebirths.

Maria Montessori

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Our Winter show visit to 'Snow White' will soon be upon us and I continue to hear updates on how entertaining and fun it will be. Nobody can manage a cast of dozens of children and teenagers as smoothly as the Chicken Shed.



We are also very excited to be one of the first schools to participate in Jackson's Lane Theatre's 'Launch' programme. 'Launch' is all about exploring careers in theatre that are not just about acting on stage but the direction, production, marketing and technical aspects of theatre, such as stage management, lighting and sound design.

Once we have set a date in the very near future, Jackson's Lane will come to our school and also have us visit the theatre to speak with their technician

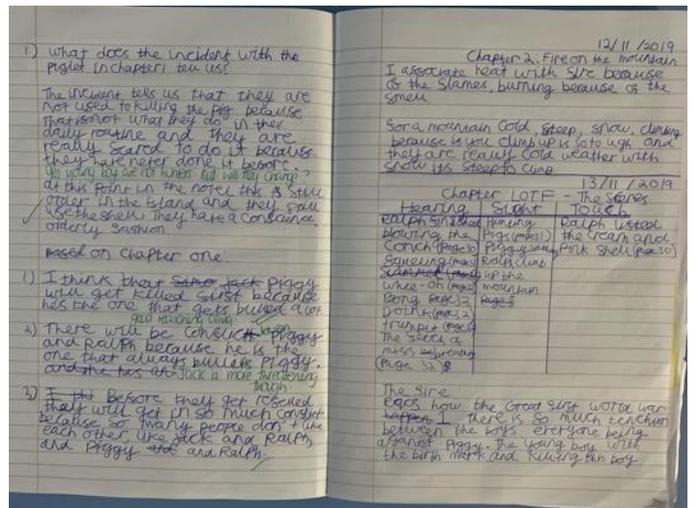
about different theatre and art careers. Here is a link to their programme:

<https://www.jacksonslane.org.uk/join-in/schools-and-artsmark/launch-in-schools>

Our Parent's Afternoon is this Wednesday and we look forward to our first opportunity to discuss how your children are progressing at school. We are however always available to meet and discuss your child, however Wednesday is the best opportunity to meet most of the teachers.

The Odyssey House Team

Dee has been introducing key stage 3 to the classic text 'Lord of the Flies' by British author Sir William



The cooking continues with all pupils involved in the experience this week. From preparations for our Christmas lunch, to pizzas made from scratch to be enjoyed and eaten by all.



In Spanish, Olivia and Alex made a classic Spanish salad.

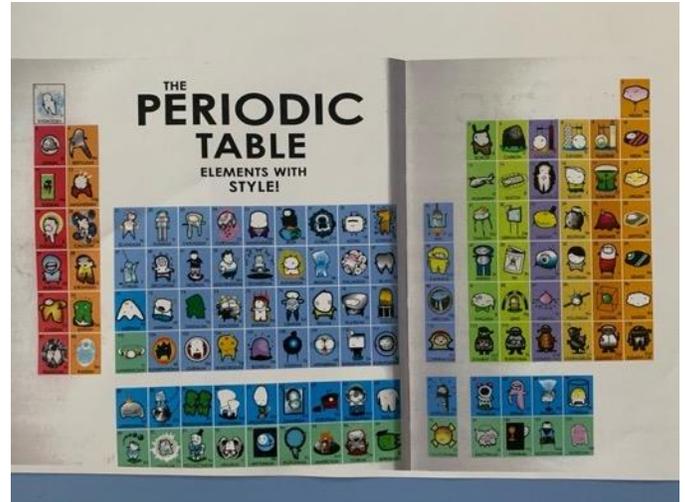
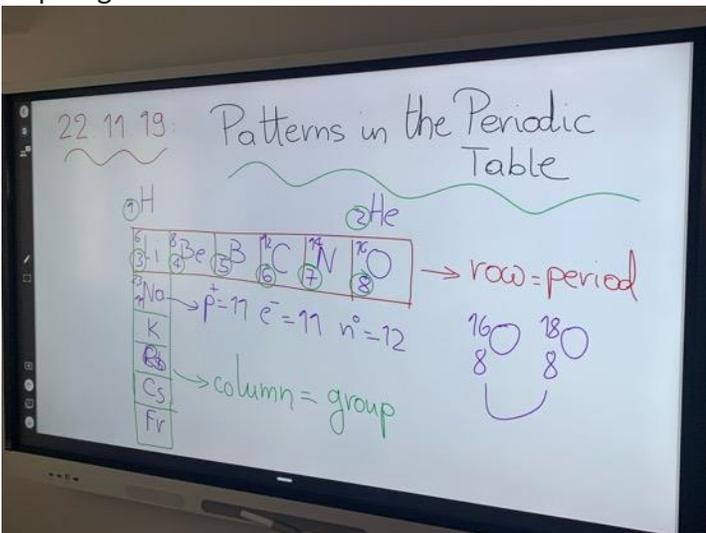


At this point of the update, can I make a suggestion to all the parents?

It's time to sit back and relax in the evening. All your children seem to enjoy cooking at school and it's time for them to show this at home. This includes doing the dishes!

Seriously though, the children have been researching recipes, following instructions and socialising whilst preparing their very own menus.

Following on from cooking is the closely related science of chemistry. The periodic table has been under the microscope this week, through the inspiring stories and demonstrations of Ioannis.



Art continues to be a popular subject with the children producing voluminous creations from their own interests and design.



Key Stage 2 used acrylics this week creating vivid, symmetrical butterflies.



Downtime making bracelets with Loom Bands.



Term Dates for Pupils

Wednesday the 27th of November – Parents' Afternoon between 2pm and 5pm.

Wednesday the 11th of December at 1pm – Snow White in the Swinging sixties at the Chicken Shed Theatre. Details will be emailed soon.

Friday the 13th of December – Winter holiday party between 12 noon and 1pm – all parents invited!

December Holidays

End of term: December 14th to January 5th

Spring

Half-term: February 15th to February 23rd

End of Term: March 28th to April 15th

Summer

Half-term: May 23rd to May 31st

End of term: July 10th to September 3rd

Back to School: September 3rd