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Dear Parents/Carers,

Rehearsals for end-of-term productions are in full swing, the Bake Off is a hot topic of conversation, the House Captains have enjoyed sampling cupcakes and scones. Well done to all those children who have entered this year and earned points for their house.

In their topics, Year 3 have invited parents in to their 'Come Dine with Me' event. They have designed some fantastic smoothies and learned many new cooking skills, filling the corridors with delicious smells.



Year 4 are immersing themselves in all things Liverpoolian.

Year 5 are exploring the Antarctic with Shackleton, helped by the fabulous book about his journey by William Grill, and Year 6 are rounding off their World War

II studies with a workshop learning about Remembrance, writing some fantastic poems that they shared in our Remembrance assembly.

We marked Armistice Day with two minutes of quiet reflection at the end of break time and a thought-provoking assembly after the weekend, with Lena Phillips from St James' Church.



The school has spent time reflecting on last year, including our OFSTED report. This year the school will be focusing on the following areas:

Maths - We have introduced a new model of teaching to all year groups. The pupils are very enthused by this, showing their practice and prove it task in their books. We look forward to showing parents some of this new learning next term.

Basic skills - As you may be aware, the school is raising the profile of basic skills. This includes spelling, times tables and handwriting. Teachers shared with parents the expectations for each year group at the curriculum evening, details of which can be found on the website.

And finally, to firmly establish strategies for improving outcomes for pupils who receive the Pupil Premium funding. We are really pleased with the progress many of these children have made and we will continue to use interventions as necessary to support these pupils.