

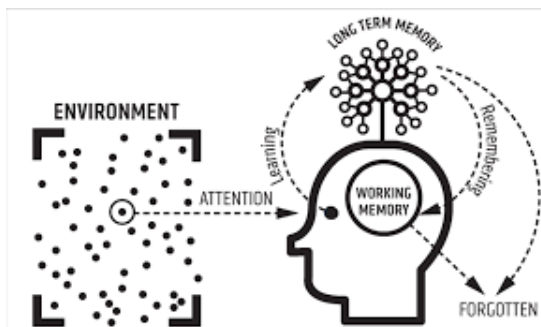
Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are now at the end of term 2, the final term of 2021! Thank you for the support you offer as parents and carers; a smile, a good morning and a thank you go a long way and are very much appreciated by the staff. This community always pulls together and the fantastic Christmas Market is a great example of this.

Your children's teachers will continue to share their planning with you to ensure you are completely up to speed with what the children are learning in school. Please use the knowledge organisers as a point of discussion; can they remember the facts that are on there? Can they tell you the definition of some of the subject-specific words? Can they link what they are learning now with what they have learnt previously? These are all key skills that ensure our children 'know more, do more and remember more.'



Retrieval of knowledge is key; can our children remember what they have learned? The working memory is small, so we can only absorb a limited amount of information at once.



Typically, new information is only stored if we can connect it to knowledge we already have. Prior knowledge is therefore a major factor in our capacity to learn new information. The more fluent the children are with retrieval of stored information, the more capacity they have in their working memory to attend to new information and problem solving.

We have introduced a focus for each week and so far, we have been awarding house points when we see: Lovely Walking, Kind Gestures, Saying Good Morning and Good Afternoon. The focus for the first week back will be 'Perfect Presentation.' Staff will be looking out for correct uniform, including P.E. kit, shirts tucked in, hair tidy etc. The children have responded really well and regularly check what the focus is for the week.

We were thrilled to be able to perform the Infant Christmas Nativity for parents and carers albeit with many restrictions in place. The children, as always, were amazing and over £300 was raised for Demelza House.



The latter part of this term has been a challenge, with rising numbers of COVID cases and a return to Bubbles across the school. During the Christmas break, we will wait for further instructions from both the Government and the DfE so please monitor emails from the school. Let's hope that some normality will return once more.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. K Sandberg (Headteacher, Borough Green Primary)