

Year 2 Newsletter

Autumn 2



What a great start to Year 2 we had together during our Polar Regions topic.

Some highlights include:

- ◆ A polar bear came to our class!
- ◆ We learnt about animals from hot and cold places.
 - ◆ We made 'biomes in a box'.
- ◆ In Art, we painted just like Jackson Pollock!
- ◆ In computing, we learnt about how to keep safe online and where to find support.

Please keep this newsletter and tick off the boxes when you have completed the activities with your child.



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Year 2 Reading Challenge:

Well done to those children who completed the reading challenges last half term!

The children that read at least 4 times a week always go home with a super prize on Fridays!

We will continue this into Autumn 2 and have even more rewards!

Yellow Cards -You can do it!



Diary dates

INSET Day—17th November

Visit from Owls - 3rd November

PE days and Library book changing days are Wednesdays.

Newsletter challenge:

Together with your child, answer the questions on this newsletter and tick the boxes when you have!

PSHE

In PSHE we will be 'Celebrating differences'. Jo will help us learn how we are different and how we are the same.



Talk to your adult at home: how are you the same as them? How are you different to them?

Spellings

Every morning, children practise spellings from the Year 2 list. We focus on any spellings that are still difficult and will continue to learn new spelling rules such as adding -ed to different words.

English



Our next theme in English is fears and how to overcome them.

We will be reading 'The Owl that is afraid of the Dark'.

What fears do you have? How could you try to be less afraid of the fear/s?

Do you know any other stories or films where characters overcome their fears?



Science

As scientists, we are learning about 'Materials'.

What do animals need to survive?

What types of materials do you remember from Year 1?

How are some of the things at home made?



What materials can you list?

Which materials can be recycled?

RE

We will be thinking about Jesus being a gift from God, meaning Jesus was sent to help the world and people.

How can you help people and help the world?



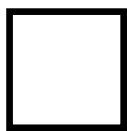
Maths

We will begin the half term looking at multiplication and division.

We have been working hard at counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. Why not impress your adults with your counting?



We will also continue looking at addition and subtraction. What can you remember about adding and subtracting?



Can you learn these?

Remember you need a quick recall of the facts in any order!

$1 \times 5 = 5$

$10 \times 5 = 50$

$2 \times 5 = 10$

$11 \times 5 = 55$

$3 \times 5 = 15$

$12 \times 5 = 60$

$4 \times 5 = 20$

$5 \times 5 = 25$

$6 \times 5 = 30$

$7 \times 5 = 35$

$8 \times 5 = 40$

$9 \times 5 = 45$

Home Learning

A fun few ways to practise spellings at home:

Stairs: Write the words as if they are stairs, adding one letter each time: S, Sp, Spe, Spel, Spell

Spelling Word Race: Create two teams with a player from each team taking the pen at a time. Someone calls out the word and the two players race to write the word first.

Which way do you like the best? Why?

