

Year 2 Newsletter



Autumn 2




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Dear Families,
Welcome back to school. We hope you all had a spooky, spectacular half-term break.

Our class text is *Paddington–The Original Story of the Bear from Darkest Peru* by Michael Bond. Children will learn that summaries can take many forms: written notes, tables, and pictures. They will use a sketch to summarise a section of text and infer character feelings through gestures and facial expressions.

In **writing**, we will be starting the term writing formal invitations, in this unit we will be learning how to use command sentences and vocabulary for impact. In our second unit, we will be writing stories from other cultures.

 In **maths**, the children will be exploring strategies, such as their known number facts within ten, that can be applied when adding and subtracting a single-digit number to/from a two-digit number. They will also build on their knowledge of partitioning and recombining single-digit numbers. We will also start our multiplication unit, where children learn strategies such as equal grouping to support their understanding.

In **art**, we will develop a wide range of art and design techniques using colour, shape and texture. We will study the late work of Henri Matisse and use it as inspiration to recreate our collages. The children will also explore how artists visually indicate how something feels by the shapes, marks, colours, light and shade.

In **science**, this half-term is all about living things and their environments. The children will explore a range of habitats, such as rainforests and deserts. They will look at the different living conditions within these habitats to see how they can support animals.



The Year 2 Team

Important Dates

See the reverse for a full list of key date for this half-term.

Home Learning

Weekly homework is set every **Thursday** and is due back into class on the following **Tuesday**.



Spellings - Weekly, it is better to practise all week to embed in the long term memory.



Reading - Please note in your child's reading record. Include any book that you are reading with your children. Library sessions are on **Fridays**.

Maths– Practise your times tables by loggin in to TTRockstars.



Hand in homework on **Wednesdays**.

Home Reading Challenge

Children who have **25+ reads** noted in their reading records over the half-term will receive a book mark reward. The child with the highest number of reads from each class will receive a star reader badge.



PE

Our units are Gymnastics and Fitness. **PE days are Monday and Thursday**. Please ensure your child wears their PE kit (white t-shirt, black jumper/hoodie, black shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers).



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Date	Event	Involvement
Tues 12th Nov	Odd Sock Day for Anti-bullying week	Open to all
Thurs 14th Nov	Swimming Competition, 9am-12pm @Leisure Centre	Y5 & Y6 pupils
Fri 15th Nov	Children in Need – Wear something spotty	Open to all pupils
Wed 20th Nov	Winter Crafts Open Afternoon, 2.00-2.45pm	YR to Y6 parents
Thurs 21st Nov	SATS information evening	Y6 parents
Fri 29th Nov	Year 5 Bake Sale after school 3pm	Open to all
Thurs 5th Dec	Fundraising Committee Event - Wreath Making 4.30pm	Open to all parents
Mon 9th Dec	Fundraising Committee - Craft Fayre 3pm	Open to all parents
Tue 10th Dec	Christmas Productions (Y1 / N / Y2) times tbc	Nursery, Y1, Y2 parents
Wed 11th Dec	Dress Rehearsal (Y3 - play)	Y1-6 pupils
Thurs 12th Dec	Christmas Production (YR) times tbc	YR parents
Fri 13th Dec	Year 4 Bake Sale after school 3pm	Open to all
Mon 16th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day	Open to all
Mon 16th Dec	Christmas Production (Y4 – carols and readings) times tbc	Y4 parents
Tues 17th Dec	Christmas Production (Y3 - play) Times tbc	Y3 parents
Wed 18th Dec	Cinema (Admirals pupils)	Y4 to Y6 pupils
Wed 18th Dec	Christmas Dinner (Raleigh)	YR to Y3 pupils
Wed 18th Dec	Fundraising Committee – Santa Run 3.15pm tbc	Open to All
Thurs 19th Dec	Cinema (Raleigh pupils)	YR to Y3 pupils
Thurs 19th Dec	Christmas Dinner (Admirals)	Y4 to Y6 pupils
Fri 20th Dec	Christmas Disco and parties (pm)	YR to Y6 pupils