



# Year 2 Newsletter

## Welcoming a new busy half term...

This half term we have fun packed weeks and lots of exciting lessons incoming.

We are very excited for our visit to the Tropical Butterfly House. What a lovely day of exploring it will be!

At the end of last half term, lots more children were reading at home and this led to improved quiz scores across both year 2 classes. Let's keep this up and continue passing the quizzes! Please **read at least three times** every single week. We really appreciate all your support from home.

Miss Lounds, Miss Shuttleworth and Mrs. Stirland

## Key Information

<b>Class Dojo</b>	Please continue to check the Class Stories section and upcoming events for up to date information throughout the year.
<b>Spelling</b>	The children's bi-weekly spellings are stuck in the front of reading diaries. We focus on a spelling rule and at least two Common Exception Words (CEW). Please continue to practise at home. It is great to see the children using the correct spellings in composition and topic lessons.
<b>P.E.</b>	<b>Monday</b> and <b>Thursday</b> this half term and all lessons are outside. Please ensure children have sensible footwear and an appropriate jumper/hoodie to keep them warm on the cooler days.
<b>Clothing</b>	Please label children's clothing as jumpers, cardigans, hats, scarfs etc. like to wander!
<b>Water Bottles</b>	Ensure children have a water bottle for in class as it important for children to stay hydrated.

## What are we learning this half term?

<b>Composition (English)</b>	As writers, we will be focusing on our use of conjunctions, punctuation and past and present tense. Finally, we will be writing a non-chronological report	<b>Topic Geography</b>	As geographers, we will be revisiting the continents and oceans of the world before looking at adaptations and habitats.
<b>Maths</b>	As mathematicians, we will be focusing on fractions, money and shape. We hope to begin to tell the time by the end of this half term!	<b>Science</b>	As scientists, we will be observing the life cycle of caterpillars over time. Once they emerge, we will release the butterflies into our woodland area.
<b>Learning to read and write</b>	This half term, we are continuing with the retrieval strand and we will be progressing onto defining. The question type of focus is find and copy.	<b>Music</b>	In music we will be focusing on exploring sounds and pitch. The children will use their voices and instruments and they will respond to music with movement.
<b>P.E.</b>	As sports people, we will be focusing on the creative cog of our Jasmine P.E. lessons. We will be developing our ability to be creative with movements and we will be commenting on our peers' achievements.	<b>Art</b>	In Art we are focusing on two artists. A painter named Amanda Clark and a sculptor named Nick Mackman. We will revisit observational drawings and create a clay sculpture.

## Values Chart

Our children are working incredibly hard to get onto the Rocket and Star by showing our school values. How wonderful! Let's see what we can achieve this half term!

**Work Ethic**  
**Team Player**

**Respect**  
**Positivity**

**Ambition**  
**Discipline**

