



Year 2 Newsletter

Welcoming a new busy half term...

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

We would really like to add some much needed money to our attendance piggybanks. We have £23 in Year 2 and some year groups have nearly £40! It is so important to be in on time and in school if you are well. Let's see how many weeks we can achieve 100% this half term!

At the end of last half term, lots more children were reading at home and this led to improved Lexile quiz scores across both year 2 classes. Let's keep this up and continue passing the quizzes! Children **must read at least three times** at home every single week so we are looking forward to seeing this in diaries.

Key Information

Class Dojo	Please continue to check the Class Stories section and upcoming events for up to date information throughout the year.
Spelling	The children's weekly spellings are stuck in their reading diaries. Each week, we focus on a spelling rule and Common Exception Words (CEW). Please continue to practise these at home. It is great to see the children using the correct spellings in composition and topic lessons.
P.E.	Monday and Wednesday 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.
Clothing	Please label children's clothing as jumpers, cardigans, hats, scarfs etc. like to wander!
Water Bottles	Ensure children have a water bottle for in class as it important for children to stay hydrated.

What are we learning this half term?

Composition (English)	As writers, we will be focusing on our use of conjunctions, using a range of punctuation and finally writing a non-chronological report about whales!	Topic Geography	As geographers, we will be revisiting the continents and oceans of the world before looking at adaptations and habitats.
Maths	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!	Science	As scientists, we will be observing the life cycle of caterpillars over time and then we will release the butterflies into our woodland area.
Learning to read and write	This half term, we are continuing with the retrieval strand and then we will be progressing onto inference. The question type of focus is write on the line.	Music	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.
P.E.	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 our bodies can make and comment on our peers' achievements.	Art	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 then create a clay sculpture.

Autumn Focus Value:
Positivity

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

