

Week beginning

14/12/20

Year 2 Newsletter



STAR moments

We had another busy and productive week embracing our year 2 assessments last week. We all worked really hard and had a super positive attitude to our work.

We have had a fun few days building our model fire engines. We used our designs from last week to coordinate our models. We worked really hard on them and we're super proud of the effort we put in! Well done Year 2!



We are really looking forward to the upcoming festivities in our last week of school before the Christmas holidays.

Our Happy Leaves, for independence and showing positive relationships with our peers, last week went to:

2B: Israel

2H: Rayhan

2R: Eric

2S: Leo

A big well done to you all!



Our learning..



This week we will be hopping into Christmas with arts, crafts, Christmas lunch and even an expedition with Santa Claus himself using one of our interactive apps Google expeditions

We were absolutely blown away with the incredible response to the Science in my Kitchen investigation competition and have loved watch the videos uploaded to the Google Drive. We hope you enjoyed making your videos and conducting your experiments as much as your teachers have enjoyed watching them. Thank you to the grown ups for your help and support. The Science team will be asking for parental consent to upload some of the fantastic investigations videos to our school website.

We have a very exciting term in store after the holidays. We will be exploring some wonderful new learning in our Earth our Home topic. Year 2 will be learning about the effects of climate change on our ocean habitat in Science as well as using our interactive maps and apps to locate areas most affected by the effects of climate change across the world. In English we will be using persuasive techniques to conduct a climate change debate. In Art we will be creating a collage to create an ocean habitat in the style of an artist. In RE we will be learning about Kwanzaa and RHSE we will be discussing and learning about our Coping Skills. We hope the year 2 children have a well deserved, happy, safe and restful half term break and we look forward to welcoming them back on Monday 4th January full of energy and ready to embrace their new learning.

Please continue to encourage your child to complete their tasks on our online learning platforms including Mathletics, Bug Club and Times Table Rockstars over the holidays.



Don't forget!

P.E is on Tuesdays - please wear your PE kit to school.
Spellings are tested on Fridays (**Learn your spellings for 5 minutes every day!**
These can be found on Google Classroom)
Fit Friday is every Friday.

Over to you...Home learning

2B's maths task is to explore multiplication and division using your times tables. Children can use the Maths to help them <https://mathsbot.com/manipulatives/blocks> Remember our place value! Children should continue to complete their challenges on Mathletics, Times Table Rock Stars and Bug Club.

There are countless benefits of reading aloud with your children. Encourage your child to read aloud with an adult every day.

Embrace our new topic over the holidays by doing some home learning for 'Earth our Home' topic from the list below. Most importantly have a safe and happy Christmas break.

- Create an aquatic animal using recycled material.
- Watch David Attenborough's 'Our Planet' and write a review.
- Write a speech about Climate Change
- Research the effects of climate change on endangered aquatic animals.
- Create a vlog, factfile or poster on how water and oceans are essential for life on Earth.

Brain Development
Babies are born learning. From birth to age 3 are critical years for the development of language skills and foundational for future learning, reading, writing.

Language
The number of words that a child knows when they start school is the most important predictor of a child's success in school.

Knowledge
Books are a library. You and your child are also librarians. You and your child can share something new when you read aloud.

Love of Reading
Reading aloud to your child is a powerful, life-changing experience that creates a love of reading.

Bonding
It shows reading time is a special time with your child in your life!

Literacy Skills
Reading aloud to your child builds vocabulary and introduces many words and concepts that your child will use in everyday conversation.

Mathletics

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