



*'Spurring each other on with love'*

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## Year 2 Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service Visit

The children thoroughly enjoyed a visit from Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service last week. The children learnt about the emergency services, dialling 999, fire safety, fire prevention and the importance of smoke alarms. The Fire Service asked the children to go home and check that their smoke alarms were working.

### Maths Songs

The children have enjoyed singing maths songs in our maths lessons. The link for the counting in 2s and counting in 5s songs are below if the children wish to sing at home.

<https://youtube.com/2rzFfWxsJgo>

<https://youtube.com/8nokRGhevCw>



## Reading

Thank you for supporting your child with their reading at home. We continue to promote and put a big focus on reading. We are encouraging the children to read every evening either alone or with an adult.

## Maths

This week, we will;

- Understand division as sharing.
- Count in 2s, 5s and 10s to share equally.
- Calculate division on an empty number line.
- Learn division facts and relate these to multiplication.

## English

This week, we will;

- Learn contracted forms of words e.g. I will → I'll, you have → you've
- Learn to choose and use subordinating and coordinating conjunctions to link clauses.
- Choose and use homophones correctly.
- Identify statements, questions, exclamations and commands and write our own.
- Proofread a text for spelling, punctuation, grammar and sense.

## Music

We will continue to learn to play the Ocarina. The children made super progress in their first lesson. This is a wind instrument suitable for Key Stage One children. We will spend up until Easter learning and then perform at the Spring Music Festival.

## Art

This week, we continue a sequence of learning about the Russian abstract artist Wassily Kandinsky. In addition, we will be exploring colour mixing using watercolours.

## Science

This week, we continue a sequence of learning entitled 'Living things and their habitats'. We will also learn about Polar and Ocean habitats.



## History

This week, we continue to learn about the life and works of Florence Nightingale and her impact on modern day nursing. We will also research Florence Nightingale's later life and works and complete a true or false quiz using our knowledge.

## Homework

Homework is set on a Friday and should be returned by the following Thursday. Children should work for half an hour and complete as much as possible. Homework is designed as a consolidation exercise and as an opportunity for demonstrating knowledge and understanding and should not be onerous.

## Spelling

A spelling test of 10 of the words containing the spelling pattern taught will take place on Fridays. Scores will be recorded in the Home-school diary. A list of the Year Two spelling progression is printed in the home-school diaries.

## General information

- P.E. kits, reading books and home-school diaries will be needed in school every day. PE kits can be left on their peg.
- As the weather becomes colder and wetter, please ensure that your child has an appropriate coat in school every day.
- As always, it is important to label all your child's belongings with your child's name.

## Year 2 Information

- A labelled drink bottle for WATER should be brought to school each day.
- Your child will bring home a reading book to read with an adult at home. They will also bring home a phonics-based book which should be read every day at home and can be changed on Mondays and Thursdays. This is to enable the phonic patterns to be embedded through repeated reading of the text containing the sound.
- Children have an opportunity to change their library book after a book quiz each day.
- PE lessons will take place on Mondays (outdoors) and Fridays (indoors).



- We love to hear about important events or occasions in the children's lives. We set aside a short amount of 'show and tell time' once a week, usually on a Monday. This is the weekly opportunity to share with the class or bring in special things to show.
- Children will take part in various guided group activities with their teacher or teaching assistant each week.
- Please ensure that important information is communicated to school using the home-school diary. For example, if somebody else is collecting your child from school or if your child has a medical appointment. Please ask your child to make us aware of messages.

Please do not hesitate to speak to us if you have any worries, concerns or questions.

Yours sincerely

Mr Harding & Mrs Wall

