

Year 2 Autumn 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,
Welcome back! We hope you all had an enjoyable week off and had time to rest and relax.

Our topic this half term is called 'Poles Apart' and within this topic we will be learning about the Arctic and Antarctic. This newsletter is intended to give you information about what we will be learning about in different subject areas during this half term, as well as some additional information that we hope will be of use to you. However, if you ever have any questions, please let us know.

The Year 2 Team



Our Curriculum

English: Questions, speech bubbles, story re-telling and non-chronological report fact files.

Maths: Addition and Subtraction and 2D and 3D shape

Science: Animal Adaptation

Geography: Arctic and Antarctic

RE: Festivals of light, including Diwali and Advent

Art: Sculpture - Clay Penguins, Rangoli Patterns (linked to RE) and Christmas arts and crafts

PE: Fitness and Yoga

PSHE: Valuing difference

ICT: Coding - crash course (Purple Mash)

Music: Singing

The children will also have phonics, handwriting and SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) lessons.



Home Challenge

Well done to everyone who completed the 'All about me' collage for the first home challenge. We were very impressed by the children's work and thoroughly enjoyed listening to what the children had to say about themselves.

Our next home challenge is to make a candle holder. You can make the candle holder out of anything as long as it is not a flammable material, as we will be lighting them in school. Your candle holders can be brought in to school whenever they are completed, but preferably by 4th December. If you are able to provide a candle that fits in the holder, that would be great! If you can't, then we will do our best to find one. We look forward to seeing them!



Home challenges are optional, but children who complete them will receive 5 dojo points and a certificate.

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Reading

We would be grateful if you could ensure that your child has their school reading book in their book bag every day so that we can listen to them read as often as possible. In Year 2, children are able to change their own reading books and can change them as soon as they have finished their book even if they are not reading with an adult that day.

We cannot overemphasise how important and beneficial it is to listen to your child read at home as often as possible. There are clear links between how frequently a child reads and their progress in both reading and writing.

At the end of every half term we will count how many times your child has read at home and those who have read (on average) at least 3 times per week will be awarded 5 dojo points and will have their name in the newsletter. A **big well done** and **congratulations** to the following children who all read at least 21 times at home during autumn 1.

Owl Class: Christine, Fletcher, Jake, Asya, Amelia, Erin, Ember, Olivia, Jayson, Holly, Alba, Beatrix and Sienna W

Hedgehog Class: Aidan, Diana, Edith, Eray, Kann, Kaja, Matthew, Molly, Olivia, Sonny B and Zara

Badger Class: Aria, George, Harry P, Henry, Layla, Mason, Lucas, Mac and Theo

Ember from Owls, Olivia from Hedgehogs and Lucas from Badgers all read the most times within their class and will receive a prize.