



# St. Andrew's CE Primary School

## Year 2 Spring Newsletter

### **Happy New Year!**

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely time over Christmas. The children have been very excited to share their Christmas news with us.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the wonderful gifts we received at the end of term; it is so kind of you and very much appreciated. Thank you so much!

It's going to be a very exciting term in Year 2. In geography, our topic this term is Around the World and we will be finding and naming the continents and oceans, before learning about Kenya and comparing it to England. This is always a very popular subject with the children and we are sure they will enjoy our exploration.

### **Reminders**

#### **Reading Books**

Reading is one of the most valuable things a parent can do to help in their child's education because their ability to read impacts on their ability to access the entire curriculum. Regular reading at home really does have an enormous impact on the progress your child will make and sharing a book with your child plays a big part in developing their love for reading.

Children are given reading books that they are able to read independently but please ensure your child reads with you at least three times a week, and preferably each night, in a quiet place away from any distractions. To encourage this, children will receive rewards in school for reading 3 or more times a week with an adult at home. Read Write Inc books are short and should be read in full each time. When your child moves onto book banded books (Gold and above), they are often much longer and so it is fine to read a few pages at a time.

When reading, discuss the story, ask questions about what has happened and encourage your child to retell the story in their own words. Please remember to fill in their reading record each time you read with them at home, as the children receive stickers on the wall chart for this. Just a signature with the page they have read to is fine. For children on the Read, Write Inc scheme, reading books are also allocated online weekly via the Oxford Owl website. Please allow your children time to read this book as they help to consolidate learning from phonics lessons through the week. There are also short phonic quizzes too.

#### **Spellings and Times Tables**

Just a reminder that spellings and time tables are given out on Monday in preparation for the test on Friday. Current times tables are located in the back of the children's spelling folder. The spellings and times tables are also available on spelling shed and time tables rock stars.

#### **Maths Homework**

Thank you for your continued support with homework in Year Two. We understand that children have many extra-curricular activities and we appreciate you finding the time to sit down and provide them with that crucial one to one support. Children should be becoming more independent with their maths homework and may only need support on a few of the questions. Remember that the homework is a collection of the skills the children will learn throughout the entire year.



	<u>Spring 1</u>	<u>Spring 2</u>
<b>Maths</b>	Number Money Multiplying and dividing	Number Multiplication and division Measurements
<b>English</b>	Traditional Tales Julia Donaldson stories	Stories from other cultures Non-fiction writing
<b>Science</b>	Materials	
<b>Computing</b>		E-Safety Programming – Scratch Junior
<b>RE/ PHSE</b>	What makes some places sacred?	Easter.
<b>Geography</b>	Around the World	Kenya
<b>Art</b>	Craft	Sculpture
<b>Music</b>	I wanna play in a band group performance singing	
<b>PE/Dance</b>	Gymnastics	Basketball / Benchball

## Autumn Term Highlights

### Historical Heroes

In this topic, the children learned about people who fought for what they believed in and had an impact on the lives of others. They learned about 'injustice' and had strong feelings about people being treated unfairly! During the topic we learnt about Nelson Mandela, Emmeline Pankhurst, Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. The highlight was meeting the "real" Mary Seacole via zoom link from London!

### Science – Animals including humans

We were interested to find out about the life cycles and that not all living things look the same as they grow. We found out that the temperature that turtle eggs are kept at determines where they are a boy or a girl when they hatch! We also loved taking part in an investigation where we tested our own bodies! We tested the effects of different exercises on our bodies and learned about the importance of good hygiene.

### Christmas Production

The Innspectors! This is always a challenging show to put on, there are lots of lines, dances and transitions to learn. We're sure you will agree with us that the children did fantastically well and the play was a huge success. We were extremely proud of them all!

Thank you for providing the costumes. The children looked wonderful and they really enjoyed performing for everyone.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Barlow-Smith and Mrs Squires  
Y2 Team