



# 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. It has been so nice to listen to all the fun and exciting things that the children have done over the Christmas holiday.

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. Many thanks!

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

### **Reminders**

#### **Reading Books**

We would like to take the opportunity to remind you of the importance of supporting your child with their reading. 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.

Children are sent home with 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 the children will receive rewards in school for reading 3 or more times a week 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 more appropriate 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 in school for this. Just a short comment along with what 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. Times tables are located in the children's spelling folder. The spellings and times tables are also available on spelling shed and time tables rock stars for which each child has their own username and password (ask us if they have forgotten it!).

#### **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.

#### **PE Kits**

Our PE day is Wednesday. Children are to keep their PE kits in school in a drawstring bag. Please label every item and check if pumps fit each half term. Thank you.



	<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

This topic was very popular with the children. They really enjoyed learning about a variety of famous people and finding out why they were famous. 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!

### We are Scientists

In science we learnt about animals including humans. We were interested to find out about the life cycle of a sea turtle. Did you know, the temperature the 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 looked at how many repetitions of an exercise we could do in a minute and thought about how this made our bodies feel.

### Christmas Production

Well, what can we say about our Christmas Production? We’re sure you will agree with us that the children did fantastically well and the play was a huge success. What an amazing performance year two!

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