

Year 2 Newsletter

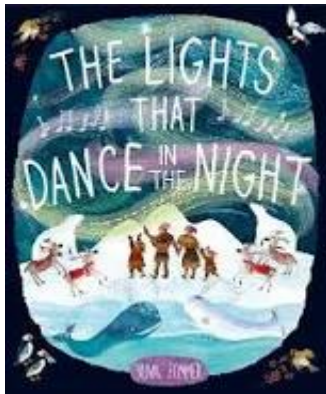
Autumn 2023 – Half Term 2

What a successful first half term! Year 2 are settling so well into their new classes, creating new friends, and getting used to the routines and structures in Year 2. As we are now in Autumn 2 and heading speedily towards Christmas, we are excited about the half term ahead – it is set to be a busy one!



We love their eager approach to coming to school each day and how well they have been thinking about our school values and showing them in their actions.

Year 2 Learning



Waddesdon Manor Christmas Display

As part of Year 2 enrichment, we have taken part in the Christmas display at Waddesdon Manor. The children are really proud of their art work and are excited to see if we win the

poster competition to meet the author of the book! Every child has received a free ticket to Waddesdon and parents a discount too! How amazing that so many people will be seeing the talents of Year 2 as they visit Waddesdon! If you haven't seen yours – check book bags!



We loved celebrating Black History Month in Year 2 and enjoyed learning about Rosa Parks and her significance in History. Her story inspired animated discussions in each class and linked to our school value of equality.

We also learned about Tinga Tinga art. Tingatinga art was first created in Tanzania, East Africa in the 1960's. It all began with a man called Edward Saidi Tingatinga. Unemployed and desperate to earn some money, Edward Tingatinga decided to try and paint pictures to sell to tourists visiting Tanzania. He is now seen as a famous and successful artist! We loved creating artwork in his style!

In Autumn 2, we will be learning about Remembrance Day, discovering why we commemorate this day each year and why the poppy is used as a symbol of remembrance. We will also be learning about the soldiers of WWI and in particular Flora Sandes, a little-known war hero who fought in both WWI and WWII.



The Gunpowder Plot

Our thematic learning this half term begins with The Gunpowder Plot! In History, we will be researching facts about the event and those involved. We will link this event to how and why we celebrate November 5th with firework displays – especially our own Priory Rise fireworks event and those who celebrate Diwali!

In **English**, we will be creating our firework poems and will be using our very best ambitious vocabulary to wow our readers!

In **Phonics** we will be continuing with our Phase 5 sounds and applying them to our reading and spelling.

We will then move on to non-Fiction linked to our **History** learning and will be writing about The Gunpowder Plot. We will recount writing linked the tale of The Pied Piper of Hamelin and link the rats to our learning about The Great Fire of London!

In **DT** we will be learning about moving mechanisms and will be making sliders, pivots and levers and wheels. We will apply our skills to plan, make and evaluate moving pictures of The Great Fire of London.

In **RE** we will be learning about the Jewish faith and the story of Hannukah and will also learn about the Christian faith and the story that surrounds Christmas.

In **Science** we are learning about materials, their properties, and their suitable uses in the environment and in our general lives.

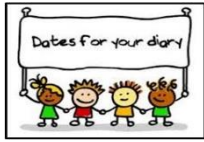
In **Maths** we will be learning about 2D and 3D shapes and will then move onto fractions and looking at fractions of a shape.



We are delighted that we will be performing a Nativity showcase in our school hall for parents in December.

This will be a large part of our learning this half term. We have songs to learn, lines to speak loud and proud and of course , some acting too!





Christmas performance:

Thursday 14th December 5.30 pm – 2 tickets per family will be issued nearer to the time.

Winter Coats



As the weather gets colder, please make sure that your child brings a named coat. We go outside to play and lunch as much as we can so that we get fresh air!

Year 2 Home Learning

Reading

We would like your child to read with an adult each night for 10 minutes. Reading is so important to all other areas of the curriculum that we see it as a vital part of their home learning.

Many of our children now read with increasing accuracy and so would benefit from a grown-up asking a range of questions to ensure that they understand the book fully. We are also working hard for the children to view themselves as story tellers and are encouraging them to read with a fluid pace and use of expression, this really helps with comprehension. We change books once every week to ensure that your child is confident and a master at reading a book before they move to a new one. We are not in a hurry to move through books at a speedy pace.



The phonics book is your child's reading book. They will know all the sounds in this book and so will be able to read all the words (some may need sounding out and blending) – this book is for success! When your child knows the next set of sounds with consistency and confidence, they will move on to the next set of phonics books.

We are keen to work in partnership with you and it is great to see so many of you writing comments in the read Home School Link book. Reading with your child really does make a difference to their progress in school. Thank you so much for your support.





Maths

We use an online homework for our maths Mymaths homework is set each week and is linked to the work we are learning in class. The children can do each piece as many times as they wish and can try to improve their scores.

Other maths you can support with at home:
To know and understand X2, x5 and x10 tables.
They need to know these at speed and out of order.

Spelling

Each Friday, on Google Classroom, we will place the sounds we have been learning and some of the words that we need to know how to spell.

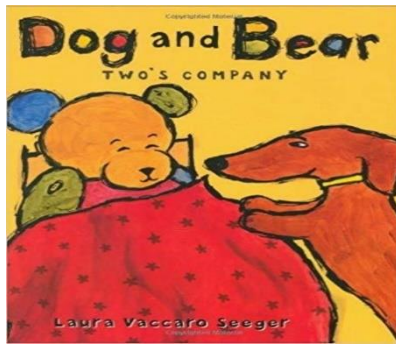
In PSHE, we will continue with our scheme of work 'Jigsaw' and we will continue to have a value for each month.

Throughout November, our PSHE sessions and assemblies will be focusing on the value of FORGIVENESS. We will be considering the importance of forgiveness and how we can show it.



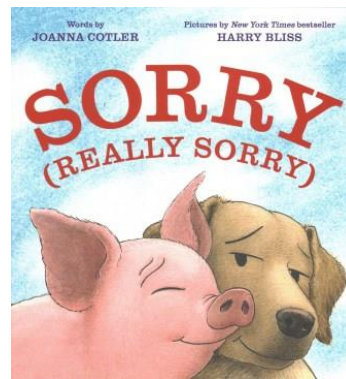
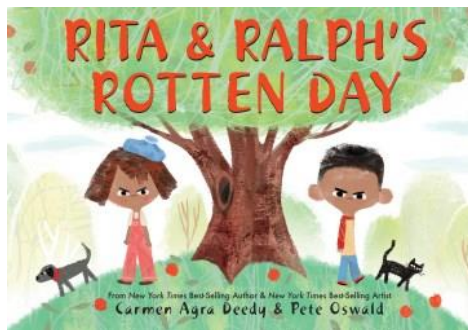
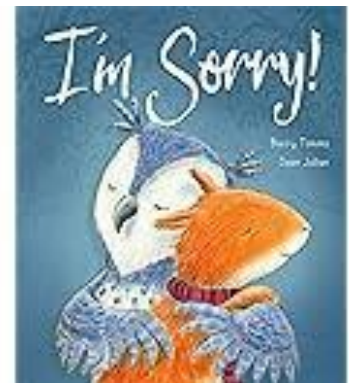
In December, our value of the month will be PEACE. Children will explore this concept through stories, discussion and in assemblies.

Book recommendations



Even the best of friends sometimes have problems they must work out. And it's true for Dog and Bear, the best friends who can get angry but get over it. Simply crafted illustrations are the perfect complement to the uncomplicated text.

Scribble and Swoop are the best of friends – until the day they have a TERRIBLE QUARREL! Which friend will be the first to say sorry? And can an apology fix their precious friendship? The perfect story for teaching young children the importance of meaningful apologies.



Staff in Year 2

Teachers:

Mrs Truan– Assistant Headteacher, Year 2 Leader & Rosen Class Teacher

Mrs Dean– Rosen Class Teacher

Miss Bulford – Donaldson Class Teacher

Miss Scrivener – Bright Class Teacher

Teaching Assistants:

Mrs O'Regan, Miss Stanton, Mrs Terry
Teaching Assistants providing dedicated support:
Mrs Hobbs, Miss Tatum



Thank you so much for all your
support!

We really appreciate all you do, and
it really does make such a difference
to the progress of your child.

