

Year 2 Newsletter

English

In English we have enjoyed writing a 'diamante poem' all about the environment. We then progressed on to writing the story opening of *Grandad's Island*. We have loved learning some new grammatical skills which have included: apostrophe for possession, apostrophe for omission and commas in a list. We have then successfully used these skills in our writing.

Reading

In our Reading lessons we have learnt how to answer simple retrieval, vocabulary, explanation and sequencing questions using the skill of circle scan circle to find our answers in the text. We are becoming much more confident with this and are successfully answering our independent comprehension questions. As a class, we have enjoyed a wide range of stories together. A favourite of ours this term has been *Brave and the Fox*.

Maths

In Maths we have developed our skills in addition and subtraction by learning how to add and subtract 2 digit numbers, not crossing and crossing tens using column addition and subtraction. Our arithmetic skills have massively improved and we are much more confident in counting in 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's forwards and backwards. We have also started to look at 2D and 3D shapes and their properties.

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We loved the opportunity we had to try a range of different fruits and vegetables as well as setting PARENT HOMEWORK to be able to design a delicious salad for our parents and carers at home. We are all very excited to put our hygiene knowledge and chopping, grating and peeling skills to the test after Christmas.

Science

In Science we have been learning about living things and their habitats. We have learnt the 7 life processes through our Scientific friend Mrs Gren. We loved learning about microhabitats and we even went outside to explore and see if we could identify any living things. We have gained fantastic knowledge on the wide range of habitats world-wide and the different plants and animals that live there and how they survive.

. PSHE

We have loved our unit of 'Celebrating Differences' in PSHE this half-term. We have listened and respected each other and learnt how to treat each other with respect despite our differences.

Geography

In Geography we have learnt all about the United Kingdom and the four different countries that make up the UK and their capital cities and famous landmarks. We then zoomed in to focus on our local area of Goxhill and located a variety of different local towns, cities and villages on a map.

Things to do at home:

Please read as regularly as possible. this can include any books you may have at home or you borrow from the library.

Please keep practising counting backwards within 100 and counting in 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's.

Message from Miss Peters

Once again, it has been a busy, fun-filled half-term and I am blown away with the huge amount of progress your children are making throughout Year 2. I wish you all a wonderful Christmas that is filled with joy. Thank you again for your continued support, it is greatly appreciated. Keep safe and I look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Maths

In Maths we are going to continue to learn about 2D and 3D shapes. We will also begin to look at recognising money and the value of it. To end the term we will start to learn about multiplication and division, which we will be great at due to all of our hard work in our arithmetic starters in Year 2.

Science

Our next unit of Science is 'The use of everyday materials'. Throughout this half-term we will look at identifying different materials and what materials objects are made from. We will then explore the different properties of materials and how some can change shape!

English

In English we are going to be looking at the story *The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch*. We will use this fun story to write a letter explaining what has happened to poor Mr Grinling's food!

In our second unit of English we are going to be writing a non-chronological report all about dragons, after reading the story *George and the Dragon*.

We will start to learn a range of spelling rules that we can apply into our writing alongside some new grammatical skills!

Curriculum for Spring 1

In RE we will be learning all about Christianity and Judaism and the meaning of Passover and thankfulness.

Our next PSHE unit is 'Dreams and Goals' and we will be looking at our aspirations in life.

In PE we will be taking part in our 'Dance' and 'Fitness' units.

Our unit in History is 'Events beyond living memory' and we are going to explore how transport has developed over time.

In Art, our unit is 'Painting and mixed media: Life in colour' and we are going to develop our mixing skills learning about the work of artist Romare Bearden.