



## Newsletter for Class 2

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It was lovely to see so many of you at Parent's Evenings last week...please get in touch if you were unable to make it.

For the next three weeks we will be finishing our topic 'Once Upon a Time. The children have enjoyed reading lots of traditional tales. They have particularly enjoyed investigating how we could make a moving picture based on a traditional story. Over the next 2 weeks we will be finishing our own moving pictures, including writing instructions for how to make them. After we have completed our traditional stories, our new topic will be 'Polar Regions'. We will send you a new topic overview and ideas for home learning when we start the topic.

As Christmas approaches, we will spend time practising the Nativity play. More details about tickets etc will come nearer the time but here is a reminder about the date: Wednesday 20th December, 2pm.

Other reminders

Christmas Fayre: Saturday 25th November, 12pm.

### Home Learning

We would like to say a great big 'THANK YOU' to everyone who has helped children to complete home learning tasks. We have had an amazing variety of activities, including posters, photos, shoe box stories, timelines and many more. Thank you for spending time doing these tasks, the children are incredibly proud of what they have done and it helps them link their experiences at school to form more memorable learning. Remember, the list of ideas we provide is only a guide, we are delighted to see any activities your child has been interested to complete at home. Thank you also for supporting your children with their spelling and maths weekly home-learning. Please feel free to hand home-learning books in at any point during the week, but ensure they are in school on Mondays so we can stick the next maths task in.

### Naming of clothes etc

An enormous plea! Please make sure your child's belongings are named. We have items left behind on a regular basis. We can return items quickly if they are named. We have a clothes labelling pen in the classroom which you are very welcome to borrow, just pop in.

## Reading

As a school we are always trying to improve children's reading. Research shows that reading has a massive impact on children's learning. At school we have dedicated time purely for the teaching and practising of reading. We read with every child in a small group twice each week. We then have a further taught session where we read together as a class. We have regular stories throughout the week. The children read with their reading buddy from Class 5 every Wednesday. We also use reading skills to access every other area of the curriculum. However, school can not improve children's reading alone, we need help from you. Please try to read with your child as often as possible at home. This could include them reading their school book to you (please write a quick comment/signature so that we can praise them at school), you reading to your child (even if they are a strong reader) or reading anything else (comics, football programmes, other books etc).

## Class 2 V Class 3 Reading Challenge

We have set a challenge with Class 3. Each week we will count up how many times the children have read at home and try to beat Class 3. We will record the number of reads per class each week and at the end of the half term, the class with the most reads will earn a class treat. Only signatures by adults will be counted.