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Dear Parents/Guardians,

YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER

Welcome back! I hope you all had a great holiday! The children have settled in well to Year 2 and are all excited about our new year together. Thank you to those who were able to make the *Welcome Meeting*. A reminder about the areas of personal and social development that I am working on with the children:

Being kind and helpful
Being calm and positive
Being independent and resilient
Team work and most importantly having fun with our learning!

This term's topic is:

Minibeasts



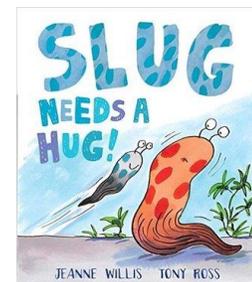
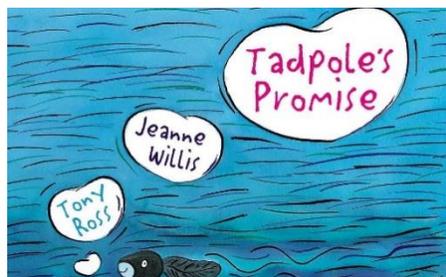
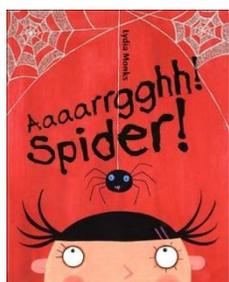
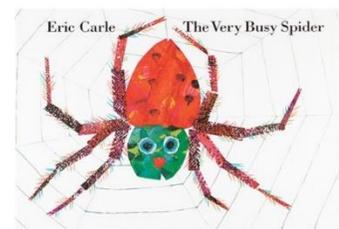
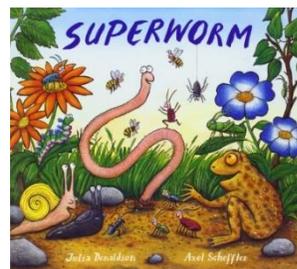
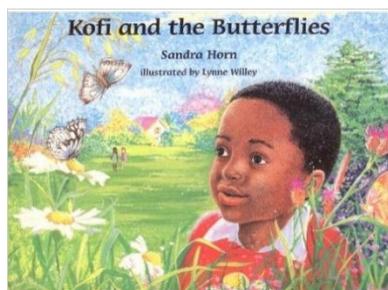
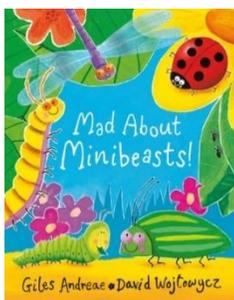
English:

This term's key text is *The Snail and the Whale*.

We will be slowly revealing the story of *The Snail and the Whale* throughout these first few weeks and using this book to work on a variety of writing genres including a travel journal, newspaper article and an explanation text. The children will need to learn to use adjectives to describe characters and settings. We will expect the children to be using full stops, capital letters and teaching them how to use question marks and commas in a list. The children will learn how to make their sentences longer by using the conjunctions *and*, *but*, *or* and *because*.

Supporting texts:

There are so many fiction and non-fiction books about minibeasts. Here are some we will be reading:



Science:

We will be looking at different kinds of animals including humans but will be focusing predominantly on minibeasts and their micro habitats. We will be thinking about habitats and what makes a good home for a variety of living things. We will be looking at the life cycle of different animals and looking at different food chains.

Art:

The children will be looking at sculpture this term. We will start by creating some minibeast artworks and sculptures. We will then be focusing on the artist Antony Gormley, Alberto Giacometti and Keith Haring. The children will be drawing the outline of the human body, drawing each other from observation and designing and creating different human shaped sculptures. Keep your eyes peeled around school throughout the term as you may see some mysterious figures popping up!

Computing:

This term the children will be learning about Online Safety and developing their typing skills. The children need to learn some basic keyboard skills: to use Caps Lock, Shift, Enter, Space Bar in Word or PowerPoint.

Mathematics:

This term we are focusing on two areas of maths; number and place value, addition and subtraction. We are aiming for all children to achieve these objectives by the end of term:

Number and Place Value**Expected outcomes**

I can count forward and backwards in steps of 2, 3, 5

I can say the value of a 2 digit number

I can identify, make and estimate numbers to 100

I can make numbers in different ways

I can compare numbers

I can use < > = symbols

I can read and write numbers to 100

I can use place value facts to solve problems

Addition and Subtraction**Expected outcomes**

I can say and use + and - facts to 20

I can use facts to 100

I can show + can be solved in any order

I can show - cannot be solved in any order

I can + and - numbers using objects, pictures and in my head:

$TO + O$ $TO + T$ $TO + TO$ $O + O + O$ (T=tens O=ones)

I can count forwards and backwards in steps of 2, 3, 5

I can see and use the inverse relationship between + and - to check my answers

I can use inverse to solve missing number problems.

I can solve problems with + and - for numbers, measures and in my head

Homework:

Please **read 5 times a week** and record this in the reading record for a sticker!! Record any reading in the yellow reading record. We love to hear about your child's reading and want to encourage any reading for pleasure. I have attached a bookmark that you can use to help question your child when reading and checking their comprehension skills. Please try to vary asking oral and written questions so that they are able to work on understanding what questions ask.

This year the children will continue to have maths and English homework. I will send home a list of the half term's homework, please only complete the correct week's homework as it will link with what we are learning in class.

Spellings go out on a Friday and the books need to be brought back in the Friday after for the 'spelling game' (test). I will give out over 10 words which link to the sounds or spelling pattern and two Year 2 common words to learn. I will quiz the children on 10 words each week.

Homework will go out on a Wednesday and will come back on a Monday.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<i>Magnificent</i> reading group - Reading books and record to be brought in.	<i>Outstanding</i> reading group - Reading books and record to be brought in.	<i>Extraordinary</i> reading group - Reading books and record to be brought in.	<i>Excellent</i> reading group - Reading books and record to be brought in.	<i>Incredible</i> reading group - Reading books and record to be brought in.
Homework handed in		Homework given out		Spelling books handed in for Spelling 'game'
PE outdoors		PE indoors		New Spellings handed out.

We will start giving out reading books throughout this week and it will say the group name on the front of the yellow reading record.

We will send out the first set of spellings this Friday and then the first homework will be sent out the Wednesday after (18.9.19). Hopefully this gives the children time to get used to being back at school and new routines.

Uniform:

Please make sure all uniform and PE kits are labelled. PE will be on Mondays and Wednesdays this term. Please ensure full kit is in school. If you are unsure of what the uniform or PE kit includes please see the school website.

If you have any queries, please book an appointment with me after school. Parents evening will be on the 23rd and 25th September so I look forward to properly meeting you all then.

Thank you for all your support. I look forward to a great term with the class.

Your sincerely

Miss L Pike
Year 2 Class Teacher

