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Dear Parents/Guardians,

WELCOME TO YEAR TWO!

Welcome back! It has been such a delight to meet the children and they have settled in well to Year 2 and are all excited about our new year together. Please check out the *Meet the Teacher* video to find out a little more about Year 2. As we welcome the children back to school we have a huge focus on personal, social and health education with a focus on these areas:

- 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:

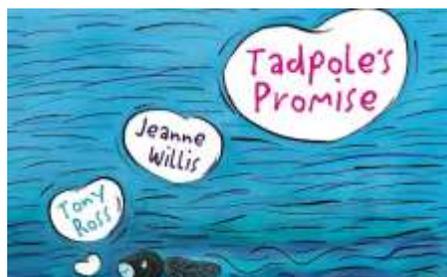
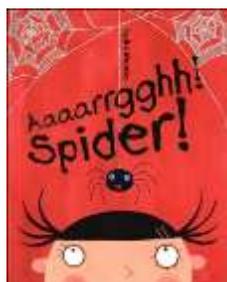
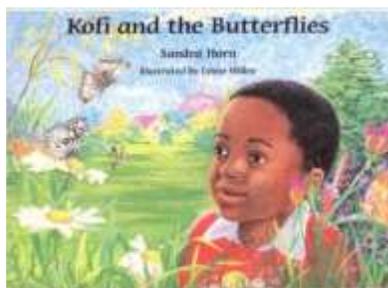
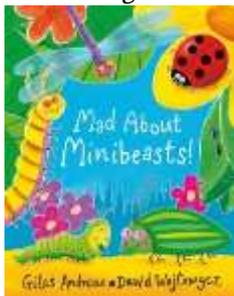
Minibeasts



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 information 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*. Please [click here](#) to see the Year 2 writing checklist for this year.

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. Please [click here](#) for more information of what will be covered in class and it might inspire you to look for minibeasts and habitats when you are in a park or garden. Please see overview of topic sheet attached.

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, Frida Kahlo, 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.

Computing: This term the children will be learning about Online Safety.

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 outcome

- 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*

Please [click here](#) to see a checklist which shows you an overview of the whole Year 2 mathematics curriculum.

Homework and Reading- 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. Please [click here](#) for 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 are asking. Next week the children will be allocated a reading day once I have been able to read with all children. I

will stick a time table into their reading records so that you know which day is your child's book changing day. Please [click here](#) for the Year 2 reading checklist.



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. **Homework will go out on a Wednesday and is due in the Monday after.**

Spellings

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 ([click here](#) for the full list). I will quiz the children on 10 words each week. You were emailed logins for Spelling Frame by Miss Tan last year. I will add the sounds or spelling pattern of the week onto spelling frame if you want your child to use that to help them learn the spellings.

We will send out the first set of spellings and homework this week.

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

If you have any queries or want to discuss anything I will try to always be on the school gate in the morning and you can contact me via email office@stcd.co.uk . Please let us know if your child has any bumps or bruises from outside of school.

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.

