



# Year 2 Learning Letter

## Autumn 2

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 13th November - Our Virtual Showcase video will be sent home.

Monday 16th - 20th - Anti-bullying Week (wear odd socks on Monday)

Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas dinner day

Friday 18th December - Last day of term

### SPRING TERM

Tuesday 5th January 2021 - Children return to school

### OUR LEARNING JOURNEY SO FAR...

What wonderful progress the children have already made in only half a term. We now look forward to all the exciting new challenges and events that we have in store as the winter season greets us...

### NEW TOPIC

This term's topic is all about Pioneers and History Makers. Children will be learning about what it takes to be a pioneer, and what it takes to cause a history maker to be remembered. How did they affect the lives of the people around them?

### MINDFULNESS

We will continue to provide daily opportunities for mindfulness. Our main purpose for this is to help our children understand what mindful, calm thoughts are and how to access them. We hope this will help to reduce anxiety, promote self-reflection and develop self-awareness.

### PSHE

This half term, Year 2 will be focusing on 'Growing and Changing'. In light of the current situation, we will be sending home a Wellbeing Journal for your child to complete. This is optional and can be used at any time convenient for your child.

**PE DAYS:** 2T: Tuesday (outdoor), 2K: Tuesday (outdoor). Please send the children to school in their PE kit on these days and ensure your child has the correct PE kit: white polo shirt, black/navy blue jogging bottoms, and trainers.

### LITERACY

Our Literacy learning this term will be focused on adventure writing in conjunction with our new topic. We will discover the wonders and hardships of Ernest Shackleton's exploration of the Antarctic, and we will use this stimulus to help us consolidate and build upon all the skills we have developed throughout Autumn 1, including our use of figurative language and explorations of character perspectives.

**SPELLING** Spellings will be sent home every Friday. The children will receive spellings based on the sounds and high frequency words they have been focusing on in their phonics learning.

**MATHS** Our maths learning will include addition and subtraction as well as money towards the end of term. We will be building on our place value knowledge to add and subtract two 2-digit numbers. We will then be using these skills to solve problems that are more complex. Towards the end of term, we will focus on recognising coins, working out totals and giving change.

Maths home learning will be set every Monday by the class teacher and returned every Friday, as well as a challenge set on Sumdog if they want to give it a go. Children will also have access to Times Table Rockstars and Numbots, which they can use to practice their times tables and number bonds.

**Maths Week England** - Sumdog's Maths Week England runs from 6.11.20 - 12.11.20. Please encourage your child to play this at home.

**SCIENCE** Changing Shape: Throughout this unit, we will be exploring how objects can be manipulated by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching them. Furthermore, we will be investigating how and why materials are often selected for their purposes.

**PTA** The PTA is raising money for year groups this year. Any money raised for Year 2 will be spent on new books for the book corners. Thank you in advance for your support

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Thank you for your support so far!

THE YEAR 2 TEAM