

# Year 2 Newsletter



## Welcome back!

What a fantastic start to Year 2 it has been! The children have settled in brilliantly and are already embedding their new routines with enthusiasm and confidence. We have been modelling and celebrating our school values of pride, compassion, trust, determination, and respect, and it has been wonderful to see these shine through in the classroom each day.

This term, we have particularly enjoyed the assembly learning about Katherine Johnson as part of our preparation for Black History Month—her story has inspired lots of thoughtful discussions and curiosity. The children have also amazed us with their creativity, sharing some truly wonderful ideas for the 500 Words competition. Please see the email for more details on this.

It's hard to believe how quickly the weeks are flying by, but we are so proud of the effort, energy, and excitement the children continue to bring to their learning.

## What We Are Learning

**Reading:** Too Small Tola – focusing on inference and deduction.

**Writing:** *The Bear and the Piano* – publishing a letter including correct punctuation and connectives.

**Phonics:** /d/ words with the spellings <d, dd, de, ed>

**Maths:** Place value – Flexible partitioning, writing numbers in expanded form, estimating numbers on a number line and comparing objects.

**Science:** Life process and habitats.

**History:** The history of cars.

**RE:** Understanding that holy books contain story and teachings – The parable of the lost sheep.

**Computing:** Accessing and saving work of Purple Mash and using the design features.

**Art:** Exploring portraits through Pop Art and Cubism including looking at the work of Opie, Kato and Picasso.

## Homework

Apologies for the homework delay. We seem to be back up and running. Please speak with your child's class teacher if you haven't received homework.

## Reminders

**Contact Books:** To be brought to school daily. Please write pages read and sign. Reading points will be collected weekly.

**Show and Tell:** Throughout the year we will invite children to bring in items to support their learning and current topics. We do not have weekly 'Show and Tell' in year 2.

**Keyrings:** All bag charms and keyrings must remain ON the children's bags at all times. If these become a distraction, they will be removed and returned to an adult. No teddies and toys to be brought into school unless with prior arrangement.

## Notes

Please use your child's contact book for non-urgent messages (such as collection arrangements) and place it in the drop-box. This helps staff to settle the children quickly into their early morning work without disruption. Notes will be checked after the children are settled. We welcome longer discussions after school.