

What's happening in Year Two?



Welcome back and Happy New Year. We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and are well rested.

We are very much looking forward to another exciting term and our topic this half term is 'Open the door' which is all about fantasy worlds, creating awe and wonder and stimulating children's imagination.

Below is some key information about this half that may be helpful to you. If you have any questions or concerns please come and talk to us

Kind regards the Year Two Team.



Our topic this half term is...

Open the door!

Please make sure your child has a **named** pair of wellington boots in school as we hope to use Joey's field for other learning opportunities outside of forest schools.

What will we be learning?

In English we shall be launching our topic using a poem called 'The Door' by Miroslav Holub. We will be using this to stimulate their imaginations and to create some artwork. After this we will be inspiring the children using the book *The Minpins* by Roald Dahl opening their eyes to a whole new world of mystical creatures on which we will base other areas of their learning.

In science the children will be looking at plants and experimenting for the *Minpins* the best conditions for plants to grow in.

In maths we will be covering more on place value, addition and subtraction and also extending our knowledge of telling the time.

Reading

We thank you for your continued support with reading at home. We would like to take this opportunity to ask if anyone would like to support us with reading further and can spare a little time in school. Please contact your child's class teacher if this is something you are able to do. We would be very grateful for your help.

PE Days

All Year Two children have PE on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please make sure your child has a **named** P.E. kit in school that includes a white top, shorts or trousers and plimsolls or trainers. Thank you.



Recorders

Please ensure your child brings their recorder and book to school every **Wednesday**. They will be able to tell you what they have been learning and please encourage them to practise at home.

Homework

Homework will continue to be sent home on a Thursday either English or Maths, which will be due in the **following Tuesday**. Please support your child with reading the homework and encourage them to complete it independently.



The Padnell Parent Group

Why not come along on a Thursday mornings 9-10 to our community room for a chance to talk with other parents and meet with our community support worker and ELSA. It's a time made available to discuss any parenting topics. Each week a different topic is discussed starting with Citizens Advice Team on 11th January. Keep your eyes out for a full agenda that will be available soon.

Old toys

After half term we will be setting up a toy library. If you are able to donate any old toys you have at home we would be grateful.

Topic outcome

At the end of the topic we would like the children to have an opportunity to share their learning with you and will be inviting you in to a classroom showcase where they will be able to explain the life of a MinPin and how to catch a Gruncher!!

Ways to help at home

- Read with your child every night and learn to read and spell their keywords.
- Encourage your child to complete homework activities.
- Practise telling the time and counting in 2's, 5's 10's and 3's.

Library - Thursdays.

Every week your child will continue to visit the library. Please ensure your child returns their book each week as they can only take a book out if they have returned one. Each child chooses their book and so they may need some support to read and enjoy it.

Allergies.

We have some children who have severe allergies to certain foods. Please do **not** send your child to school with products that **contain nuts**, including peanut butter sandwiches. Thank you.

Important days and dates

- 15/01/18 - school run clubs start
- 29/01/18 - Open school.
- 06/02/18 - Topic outcome - celebration of learning. 2:45pm In Year 2 classrooms .
- 06/02/18 - Safer internet day