



Weekly Learning Letter

Year Two

Week commencing 25.9.23

This week in Year Two ...	<p>We have had another busy week in Year 2 and we are very proud that the children are showing lots of our Katherine Semar Core Values. 😊</p> <p>In geography, we started to explore our new enquiry question: Why do emperor penguins and polar bears not live in the Sahara Desert? We started the unit by answering our first mini enquiry: Where do emperor penguins and polar bears live, and what is it like there?</p> <p>In RE, we started to explore our new enquiry question: Why is light an important symbol for Christians, Jews and Hindus? The children explored a variety of different lights and discussed how light can make us feel and how it helps us.</p> <p>In science, we have explored and compared the difference between things that are living, dead and things that have never been alive. We identified that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited, how that habitat provides the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants and how they depend on each other.</p>
Reminder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please remember to wear your PE kit on Thursday and your swimming kit under your PE kit on Wednesday. Please ensure that your child has a swimming hat. There were quite a few children without one this week. Swimming hats are essential but goggles are optional. • Reading books should be brought in every day. Please try and read every day at home as well, it really helps your child's progress in all areas of the curriculum. • We have given your child their Bug Club log in details. Bug Club can be accessed through this link: https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0 If you have any problems, please contact your class teacher.
English	<p>In English this week we have innovated our model text quest story with a cold climate animal in a cold climate setting. We then planned our own quest story with our own choice of animal and settings ready to write independently next week.</p>
Maths	<p>This week, the children ordered and compared numbers. They revisited counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, as well as learnt how to count in 3s. They then revisited their number bonds to 10 and found a variety of fact families within 20.</p>
Phonics & Spelling	<p>This week we have been learning how to spell words with the 'j' sound spelled j, g, -dge and -ge. We had to carefully look whether the vowel sound is long or short.</p> <p>This weeks spellings are: giant, digit, magic, badge, hedge, fudge, huge, large</p> <p>Please encourage your children to learn these at home ready for the Big Spell at the end of the half term.</p>

To support your child's learning at home this week you could...

Maths

Practise your number bonds to 10 on Hit the Button. We have noticed that quite a few children are struggling to recall these and they are essential knowledge to support their maths learning in Year 2.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Geography

Research and make a fact file about an Arctic or Antarctic animal of your choice.

What is their habitat like?

