



Weekly Learning Letter

Year Two

Week commencing 9.10.23

<p>This week in Year Two ...</p>	<p><i>We have been so proud of the children this week. They are showing lots of our core values, including confidence when rehearsing and performing their Harvest Assembly!</i></p> <p>In geography, we continued to work towards answering our main enquiry: Why do emperor penguins and polar bears not live in the Sahara Desert? We did this by answering to mini enquiries: Which animals do live in the Sahara Desert, and what is it like there? Why are some places hot and some places cold?</p> <p>In RE, we investigated Hindu beliefs about light. We learned the story of Rama and Sita and how Hindus believe that light triumphs over darkness. We learned about Diwali (the festival of lights) AND Diya lamps. We then went onto exploring the similarities and differences in Christian, Jewish and Hindu beliefs and answered The Big Question: Why is light an important symbol to Christians, Jews and Hindus.</p> <p>In art and design, we have continued our painting unit. We created two designs based on the abstract paintings of Alma Woodsey-Thomas, one themed Africa and one themed Antarctica. We then chose the most successful design and created a final painting.</p> <p>In computing we have learned how to use the internet to communicate with people we don't know online, how to ask for permission before sharing things online and understood that information online can stay there forever.</p> <p>In history we have explored the questions: Why did Captain Scott risk his life going to the South Pole? And How do we know what happened on Scott's last journey?</p>
<p>Reminder</p>	<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. 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. • Please remember that your child needs a small rucksack to carry their lunch and water for our zoo trip next week.
<p>English</p>	<p>In English this week we have learned an information text on Meerkats. We have read lots of information texts and learned the features that information texts have: title, introduction, sub-headings, topic vocabulary, present tense verbs, pictures with labels. We then innovated the meerkat information, to give information about Emperor penguins.</p>
<p>Maths</p>	<p>This week, the children continued their unit on addition and subtraction. They learnt to add to the next multiple of 10 and learn how to add across a multiple of 10.</p>
<p>Phonics & Spelling</p>	<p>This week we have been reviewing the 'ai' sound spelled ai, ay, a_e and a.</p> <p>This weeks spellings are: again, explain, snake, table, eight, weight, great, break</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...

Spellings

Practise for your Big Spell on Thursday 19th October.

Geography

Research countries that are close to: the North Pole, the Equator and the South Pole. What is it like there?

How are they different? Why are they different?