



Weekly Learning Letter

Year Two

Week commencing 15.4.24

<p>This week in Year Two ...</p>	<p>The children have made a fantastic start to the new term.</p> <p>In science, the children have launched their new topic 'Twisted Tales' by receiving a letter from a princess. She left the children some treasures (pea seeds) and they have planted them to learn 'What do plants need to grow?' The children then designed and set up an experiment which tested if plants need water, light and the right temperature to grow. They ensured that the experiment was a fair test and will observe the seeds over the next few weeks.</p> <p>In computing the children are continuing with their photography work. They used a digital device to capture and compose a photo and explored the effect that light has on a photo. They experimented with different light sources and shared what they did to improve their photographs from the beginning of the lesson. In PSHE, the children have started learning about 'Relationships'. They identified the different members of their family, understood their relationship with each of them and learned that everybody's family is different. The children started their design technology unit of work. Their design brief is to design and make a quilt to celebrate the 1 year anniversary of King Charles III's coronation. They explored and evaluated a range of existing quilts ready to design their own.</p>
<p>Reminder</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The children have now all been given their login details for Times Table Rock Stars. The children are expected to fluently know their 2, 5 and 10 times table facts by the end of year 2. Times Table Rock Stars is a great way to increase the speed of their recall of these number facts. • In year 2, the children can earn a special times table badge which is presented to them in celebration assembly. The children will have their first opportunity to earn this badge on Monday morning. If they are able to answer all 72 questions (2s, 5s and 10s in and out of order) in under 5 minutes, they will be presented with their badge to wear on their school uniform on Friday. • Please remember to wear your PE kit on a Wednesday and a Thursday. • 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.
<p>English</p>	<p>In English this week, the children were introduced to a new text The Pea and the Princess by Mini Grey. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yPAZukAkv44 The children inferred what the story might be about by looking at the front and back cover of the book, created a book talk able of likes, dislikes, patterns and puzzles, created their own pea recipe, and written a character description for the queen or the prince using words from the text.</p>
<p>Maths</p>	<p>This week, the children concluded their unit on mass, capacity and temperature by measuring mass in kilograms, and applying their knowledge of the four operations to understanding of mass. The children then revisited some learning they did in Year 1 by comparing volume and capacity. They then learnt two different units they can measure volume in: millilitres and litres.</p>
<p>Phonics & Spelling</p>	<p>This week, we have been learning the 'n' sound spelt 'kn' or 'gn' at the beginning of words and the 'r' sound spelt 'wr' at the beginning of words. This week's spellings are: knock, knee, knife, gnat, gnarling, wrist, wrong, wrapped</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



If your child is confident counting in 2s, 5s and 10s they are now ready to learn their 2, 5 and 10 times table facts off by heart. We would suggest you begin to learn these using flashcards. Once you feel you know the answers, you can improve your speed of recall by playing Hit The Button or Times Table Rock Stars. **In year 2, the children can earn a special times table badge which is presented to them in celebration assembly. The children will have their first opportunity to earn this badge on Monday morning.**

A BIG well done to those children who have already earned their first times table badge! 😊

Computing

Experiment taking some digital photographs. How does the light source affect the final photograph? Choose an object (a Lego character, a piece of fruit) and place it in different locations with differing levels of light. Does too much light have a negative impact on the photograph. How can you take a better photograph?

Share your photographs on Seesaw.

