

## Year 2 Update – 12.1.24

Happy New Year to all the families in Year 2. They have had a great start to the new year in school this week and have all been working hard!

We would like to say a thank you for the gifts staff received before Christmas.

Please remember to return reading books to school by Wednesday each week but please ensure reading records are in school every day as class teachers need these to read with children individually. Spelling homework will continue to be given on Thursdays to be returned the following week, and other homework will be given on Fridays to be returned the following week.

### RE

In RE this week we have started our new topic which is called 'Books'. The children have been discussing why books are important and we have started thinking about how books are organised in a library. The children have also thought about their favourite books and what uses different books have.

**Next week**, we will start thinking about the Bible as a special book and the children will start to learn about some of the books and stories in the Bible.

*Vocabulary: books, library, text book, favourite, library, Old Testament, New Testament*

### English

This week we begun work on the story 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. The children have read the story and had a go at answering VIPERS style comprehension questions about it. VIPERS is the scheme we use to teach comprehension, please follow the link to see examples of VIPERS style questions for KS1:

[https://www.literacyshedblog.com/uploads/1/2/5/7/12572836/ks1\\_reading\\_vipers.pdf](https://www.literacyshedblog.com/uploads/1/2/5/7/12572836/ks1_reading_vipers.pdf)

The children have also retold the story.

**Next week**, the children will be writing their own tale based on 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'.

*Vocabulary: fairytales, traditional, Vocabulary, Inferences, Explanation, Retrieval, Sequence.*

### Maths

This week in maths we have started a two-week unit of work about money. The children have been recapping what pounds and pence look like and we have been working out ways of making amounts using coins and notes. The children have also looked at trying to use the smallest number of coins when making an amount.

**Next week**: We will continue to learn about money and will be comparing amounts, finding the total of different amounts, and also using different coins to make the same total amount.

*Vocabulary: pound, pence, coin, note, total, amount, adding, compare, worth*

### Art

Our Art topic this half term is called 'Expressive Painting'. This week the children will be introduced to two artists: Marela Zacarias and Charlie French. The children will become familiar with the term 'expressionism'.

*Vocabulary: imagination, impression, colour, life, shape, form, texture, line, mark making, reaction*

### Science

We have begun our new Science topic this week of Materials. The children have looked at different materials such as plastic, wood, felt and glass and have discussed their properties. The children have used specific vocabulary to describe each material.

*Vocabulary: opaque, transparent, translucent, bendy, hard, soft, smooth, rough, bumpy*

### Extra information:

- PE days this term are **Wednesday and Friday for Lisbon** and **Monday and Wednesday for Padua**. As the weather is cold, please ensure children have grey tracksuit bottoms they can wear for outdoor PE lessons as well as trainers.
- An increasing number of children do not have plimsoles in school, please ensure children have a named pair of plimsoles for their classrooms.
- A reminder that earrings should be taken out for school and long hair should be tied back.
- Here are links to some online learning tools relevant for Year 2 children:  
[1-minute maths app | White Rose Maths \(whiteroseeducation.com\)](#)  
[Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds \(topmarks.co.uk\)](#)  
[ictgames | | html5 Home Page](#)

Thank you for all your support,

Bella, Eleay and Aimie



CONNECT

Make some 'compliment slips' for people in your family or your class or both!

Using a small slip of paper, write something positive about that person which will make them happy in this long month of January.

### Weekly Mission

