

# Year 2 Learning Letter (Autumn 2)

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Believe in world of possibilities

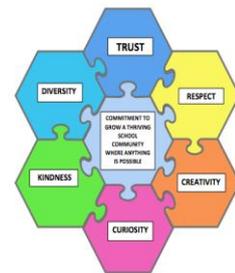
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## Year 2's Learning News

We hope you have all had a lovely half term and managed to escape the wet and windy weather. We would like to welcome Mrs Day to the Year 2 team as she takes over from Mrs Le Gassick. The children ended last half term on a high note with a celebration of poetry 'Fantasy and Flight' and gave three super performances to the school, families and friends. Well done to all Year 1 and 2.

This half term we will continue to promote our BPS values and celebrate these daily in class with the children. They have already demonstrated creativity with their amazing fairy habitats, created as part of a home learning project.



## Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November** - Individual photos day
- ◆ **13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> November** - National Anti-Bullying Week
- ◆ **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November** Year 2 Sports festival at Colfox- letter to follow
- ◆ **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November** Parent and child Maths workshop 2:00-2:45pm
- ◆ **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** - Children in Need
- ◆ **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November** - CHRISTMAS FAIR
- ◆ **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November** - Parent Learning Conversations
- ◆ **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** - Parent Learning Conversations - no school for children
- ◆ **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December** - KS1 Christmas Party
- ◆ **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Lunch
- ◆ **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** - school breaks up for Christmas at 2pm

## What we will be learning...with top learning tips

**Maths...** Doubling and halving, number sequences counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and recall and use of multiplication and division facts, fractions, and solving addition and subtraction problems.

**Learning Top Tip** – Use the maths tool kits and resources to support your learning and help you become a more independent learner.

**Reading...** Comprehension (understanding of the text). Being able to ask and answer questions about the books and texts we have read.

**Learning Top Tip** – Read questions carefully and look for clues within the text. Copy words and phrases carefully from the text when answering questions. Check you understand the meaning of words by asking an adult.

**Writing...** Instructions and newspaper accounts linked to our history topic on flight.

**Learning Top Tip**- Always read through your writing when you finish and check it makes sense. Check you have used the right punctuation. Make sure your letters are clearly formed and handwriting is neat.

**GRAMMAR...** correct use of familiar and new punctuation-capital letters, full stops, commas in lists, question and exclamation marks and understanding different sentence types- statements, commands, questions and exclamations.

**Learning Top Tip** – Always read through your writing to check you have included punctuation, purple pen the missing punctuation to show the teacher you understand where it is needed.



Exploring the school grounds and Allington Hill for signs of different habitats and the creatures that live there.

We left our new poems for the fairies to read.



## What we will be learning...

**Science** -Materials and their suitability. Look out for our two Science days on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November this term.

**Art**- Creations using paint, collage and sculpture inspired by the theme of robots.

**History**- World's first flight.

**Music**-Ho, Ho, Ho - Listening, appreciating and performing.

**Jigsaw (PSHCE)** -Celebrating Differences.

**RE**- Christianity- Why did God give Jesus to the world?

**PE**- Outdoor games on Wednesday and swimming continues on Friday.

**PE KIT** should be in school all the time. As the weather turns colder we encourage children to wear tracksuits, joggers or leggings for outdoor PE, and trainers are best.

Take a look at what we found on our visit to Allington Hill!



**13<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Anti-bullying week.**

All Different

All Equal

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

The idea is to help children and young people celebrate what makes them, and others, unique and help them understand why it's important that every child feels included in school and able to be themselves without fear of bullying.

## 6Rs (growth mindset) top tip:



"Not one minute of learning time wasted."

This half term we are learning to become responsible penguins and begin to think about good learning behaviours and how we can take some responsibility for our own learning.

## Home Learning ideas...

**This half term we have a history focus.** We will be learning about the history of flight from the invention of the first aeroplane by the Wright brothers to the first moon landing.

Perhaps you might like to try... Making a list of all the ways we can travel using flight today. How many ways have you experienced?

Finding out when different types of flying machines were invented. Which came first the aeroplane or the hot air balloon?

You might want to design and make your own flying machine using junk materials.



## School Council News and Views...inc **CHILDREN IN NEED**

As the Year 2 school councilors we just wanted to remind you about Children in Need day on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**. We are inviting everyone in school to come dressed in non-school uniform and donate £1. We will also be holding a cake stall at the end of the school day on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November** - please get baking at home and bring in your cake donations on the morning of Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov. **REMEMBER** all money raised from the cake stall and donations for wearing non- school uniform will go to Children in Need.