

# Year 2 Newsletter No.24 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017



## We are Geographers!



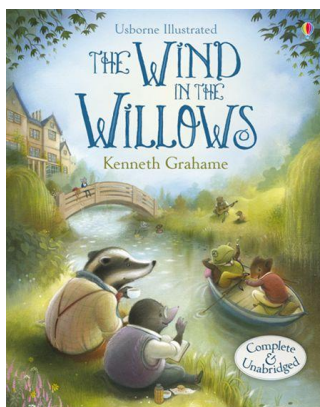
Welcome back after the Easter Holidays. I hope you all had a lovely and peaceful Easter. It was wonderful to see so many of you join us for our Easter Service. The children sang beautifully and the prayers, poems and role plays produced by the children were moving and inspiring.

This week we began our topic "Wind in the Willows" focusing on Geography and Science. We will be looking at maps, weather patterns and reports. Our Science will focus on habitats and animal groups.

In **Mathematics** this week we have been looking at place value through the context of statistics. We have been asking questions using bar charts and pictograms, partitioning numbers in different ways and exploring different ways to represent numbers.

Our **English** work has introduced the story "Wind in the Willows" by Kenneth Grahame. We have been looking at the language of the story and exploring the different characters - particularly Mr Toad, Ratty and Mole.

Our **RE** work this week has involved looking at leaders and their qualities. We will be exploring Saints this half term.



### Homework:

- **Spellings** - Revision of Year 2 spelling list words.
- **Reading/English** - Winter comprehension
- **Mathematics** - Statistics questions (looking at graphs)
- **Times Tables** - Mixed questions practise
- **Extra Mile Challenge:** Design a home for Ratty or Mole. Label it and explain why it will make a good home.
- **Extra Extra Mile Challenge:** Research facts about water rats or moles. Habitat, size, behaviours and food.
- **Talk Time** - Talk about or share a favourite story/book from your childhood like "Wind in the Willows".



### Things to remember...

Open Door: Every Monday 3.15-3.45pm

Brockholes Trip: Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

*Your child will need a disposable packed lunch, waterproof, wellingtons or strong boots or shoes and a sun hat if sunny. Please apply sun-cream if needed before they come to school.*

*Your child must wear school uniform (sweatshirt and polo top) but can wear trousers or leggings which will be more suitable for exploring the different habitats at Brockholes. Thank you.*



## Next Week - We are Explorers!



Next week we will be visiting the Brockholes Nature Reserve as part of our Science, Geography and Art work. The children are looking forward to the visit and are excited about working with the Rangers, to find out about different animals and their habitats, and create environment art.

Our **English** work will continue exploring the story "Wind in the Willows" and giving opinions with reasons. Our grammar work will focus on subordination for time (using when, while, as, before and after) and subordination for reason (using because, if or unless).

Our **Mathematics** work will focus on addition and subtraction calculation skills and using and applying those skills to solve problems.



## Congratulations!



Christian Value of Peace - Gomezzyo Chiumia  
Curriculum Award - Lewis Hoyle  
Star Writer - Evie Billsborough

A big "thumbs up" to our class members who have demonstrated consistent **Outstanding Behaviour** or shown **Exceptional Effort** this week!



Lewis, Lottie, Faith, Henry, Ollie, Jensen, Freyja,  
George G, Ryan, George K, Evie, Ethan, Davy-Jae, Harrison,  
Nathan, Jake C and Gomezzyo.

Thank you for all your help and support. Mrs Ramsay.