



# Year 2 Newsletter

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Our Diamond 9 word this week is '**Inspirational**'.

This week in our **Maths** work we have been counting in 5s and been measuring the mass of different objects using balance scales. In **English** we have focused on our spellings using word rapping, joined phrases in our writing using 'and' and explored plural endings.

In our **Science** work we have been investigating the Eatwell plate and food groups. Our **RE** work has focused on nature and God's creation. We have been exploring outside and looking at the seasonal changes. We have also been creative using autumnal colours and leaves to create beautiful pictures.

The children have been thinking about our world and how we can look after God's creations all around us.

## Reading Focus

Learning to read can be hard work for many children, so it is important to keep enjoying books together. Try to find time to hear them read every day. Be sure to be patient and don't forget to be impressed!

If your child gets stuck on a word, remind them to say the letter sounds individually and then blend them together quickly to hear the word. If your child still can't work out the word, then tell them what it is and move on.

Reading fluency is greatly helped by reading and rereading. Children enjoy easy, familiar books that are fun.

Your child will also benefit from listening to books and stories that they can't read themselves yet. This might include non-fiction books about things they are interested in or longer stories with more adventurous vocabulary.

Questions you could ask your child when reading or exploring information/non-fiction books.

**\*Always encourage your child to answer in a sentence rather than using just one word.**

- How can we find information in this book?
- What features can we use?
- What is the glossary for?
- How does the first line in each paragraph help the reader?
- How does the picture help us to understand?
- Why is there a label/caption with the picture?



Remember there are lots of fantastic books you can borrow and access for free from your local library.

## Harvest Appeal

Details to follow next week

## Lea Endowed Sponsored Child - Year 2 November 2020

After half term, Year 2 will be holding their event to support our sponsored child. Hamza is now seven years old and would be in Year 2 if he attended our school. We would like to hold a pyjama day where your child can come dressed in their pyjamas, snuggle suits or comfy clothes. They will also listen to stories and enjoy chocolate milk and biscuits in the afternoon. A donation of £1 is requested to take part in this. Thank you.

## Learning Support

There are a number of useful links and website resources listed on our school website if you need extra information or additional materials to support your child's learning at home.

## Dates for your Diary

**Friday 23rd October** School closes for half term at 3:15pm

**Tuesday 3rd November** School reopens from 8:45am

**Friday 18th December** School closes for Christmas holidays at 2:00pm

## Homework this week

**Maths** – Mass investigation activity

**Spellings** – \_dge/ \_ge words

**English & Science** – Research an animal

**Comprehension** – Lewis Hamilton

**Reading** – 5 times a week for 10 minutes at a time.

## Year 2 Star of the Week Awards

**Christian Value of Courage – Eva-Mae**

**Curriculum Star – Mia**

