



# Year 2 Newsletter

## No. 13 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019

### Happy New Year!!!

Welcome back - we hope you have all enjoyed a lovely Christmas and are ready for the busy term ahead.

Upcoming Diary Events

- Martin Luther King Day 21<sup>st</sup> January
- Chinese New Year 5<sup>th</sup> February
- Safer Internet Day 5<sup>th</sup> February

#### <u>Learning this Week</u>

This half term our new topic is **"Excellent Explorers"**. A copy of our curriculum overview is available on the school website for more details along with the Year 2 targets for this term.

This week in our **RE** studies, we have explored Epiphany and the visit of the Magi.

In **Mathematics** lessons we have focused on counting in steps of 2, 3 and 5, forward and backward from any number.

In our **English** lessons we have been sharing our holiday news and writing about events over the Christmas holidays.

Our **History** work has focused on significant people (past and present) that may have changed lives.

In our **Science** work we have begun looking at seasonal change, the season of Autumn and how daylight hours vary.

#### <u>Next Week</u>

Our **English** work next week will link with our class novel "Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure" by Alex T. Smith. We will be exploring the text and gathering information to write character descriptions.

In our **Mathematics** lessons we will be looking at measures, focusing on masses and solving problems using mass.

We will begin our new **RE** topic "Jesus, friend to everyone", exploring Bible stories about his friends and those He befriended.

In our **History** lesson we will be learning about the Persian explorer Ibn Battuta and our **Science** work will focus on the season of Winter.

#### <u>Reminders</u>

- Open Door Monday 3.20-3.40pm
- <u>PE Lessons</u> Monday & Thursday
- <u>Toast</u> It is now possible to pay for your child's toast via Parent Pay. The cost is £1,50 for this half term.

#### Homework

**Reading** – Please spend 10 minutes every day reading or sharing a book with your child.

**English** - Comprehension questions

Spellings - \_ed, \_er and \_est (y changes to i)

Mathematics - Counting patterns (2s, 3s and 5)

Times Tables - x2

**Extra Mile Challenge** – Research a modern day explorer, Eg. Sir Ranulph Fiennes. Make a fact file, poster or booklet about them.

#### Students of the Week

Star Writer of the Week – Dashel Curriculum Star of the Week – Elissa Christian Value Star – Matthew

A big "thumbs up" to our class members who have demonstrated consistent **Outstanding Behaviour** this week! A fantastic start to the New Year! Well done everyone! **Erin, Shae, Florence, Freddie, Kayla, Mia, Elissa, Sienna,** 

Isabella, Neve, Adam, Elliot, Dashel, Jackson, Matthew, Isaac, Daisy & Rhys

