

Year 2 Newsletter

Friday 13th October 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

In English we have worked hard to write sets of instructions for various activities. We began by creating a set of rules to follow (e.g. number each instruction and have a new instruction on a new line). We used these as a success criteria to enable us write our instructions correctly. Then we began writing clear sets of instructions for how to brush our teeth. Next we watched a short animated clip about a boy learning to make clouds with his grandfather. We wrote a set of instructions entitled 'how to make a cloud.' We finished off the week by independently writing instructions for 'how to turn your teacher into a toad' (which I think they seemed to enjoy writing far too much!), taking into account all the aspects of instructional writing we had covered this week.

For maths we began by finding missing numbers in addition problems. We found the missing number by starting at the smaller number and counting the jumps along a number line to the biggest number. We also recapped our knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes. We played 'guess my shape' games to practise using the correct terminology to describe the shapes. Then in small groups, we sorted 2D shapes into a Venn diagram, trying to think of different headings we could use for the diagram. Next we counted the number of edges, vertices and faces on different 3D shapes. Finally, we went on a 2D and 3D shape hunt to see which shapes we could recognise around the school.



In history, we learnt about Victorian schools and what life might have been like for children in Victorian times. We completed a timeline to compare where the Victorians would fit into the other historical events we have learnt about (e.g. Neil Armstrong and Queen Elizabeth I). We learnt lots of fascinating facts, ready for our Victorian day on Monday!

Monday 16th October – Victorian Day. Just a reminder that your children will come to school dressed in their Victorian clothes. I have given each child a Victorian penny coin to bring with them on Monday, as they are required to pay for their education. Any child who forgets to bring in their coin will be punished!

Friday 20th October – Forest School. Children will come to school in their forest school clothes, bringing their school uniform and a spare change of clothes in a separate bag.

Spellings and Times tables – As mentioned last week, I will not send any spellings or times tables to learn this week as we will have a very busy, jam-packed week next week!

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Hutchings, Mrs Preston-Plunkett and Mrs Sallnow