

Year 2 Newsletter



Friday 14th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

In English this week, we continued reading 'The Hodgehog.' We heard how Max explored the park and we wrote our own descriptions of the gardens, thinking about all the things Max could see, hear and smell. Then we looked at some of the words used in the story and sorted them into categories, depending on whether they were nouns, verbs or adjectives. We also designed our own ways for Max to cross the road safely. We drew our ideas and labelled our designs to show how hedgehogs would get across to the other side of the road without being harmed. A word of warning: I suggest you don't let your children to cook for you this weekend, as they were making up their own 'delicious' meals for hedgehogs. They thought of some delightful food like 'the slimiest slug sandwich' and 'wiggly worm milkshake with crunchy beetle sprinkles!'

In maths, we have been working on recalling our number bonds to ten (two numbers that add to make ten), with the help of a catchy song. We also started to look at the greater than > and less than < symbols. We discussed how they look like crocodile's mouths and how the crocodile is greedy and always eats the biggest number. For example: 8 is greater than 3, so we would write $8 > 3$. Or we could say, 3 is less than 8, so we could write $3 < 8$. Finally, we revisited partitioning numbers into hundreds, tens and units.



In science, we discussed how baby animals change and develop into adults. We looked at pictures to compare the baby to the adult animal and wrote descriptions explaining how they change.

We began R.E this week by looking at how some Christian and Jewish people believe the world was created by God. We read the story of Genesis from the Bible and wrote in our own words how God created the world in seven days.

Our focus for computing this term is 'coding'. We used Purple Mash and began by learning how to give instructions to aeroplanes in a computer game to make the planes take off in the right direction. The children asked to keep this alert on their purple mash log-in, so if they want to try this again at home, it will still be on their 'to do' tab.

Here is a link to the Farmer Pete number bond song we have been learning:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=poJmS5iWfEs>

Today, we discovered a mystery chest containing an old map of London, a quill, a diary from 1666, some bread and a block of cheese! We are going to spend the next few weeks doing some detective work to see if we can find out who the chest may have belonged to. Today, we started by looking at pictures of London from 1666 and comparing them to what London looks like today.

Forest School for Year 2 – Tuesday 18th September. Please ensure your child comes to school next Tuesday in their forest school clothes. Many thanks!

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Mockler

Year 2 Spellings

Week 2

The sounds /r/
spelt 'wr' at the
beginning of words

<i>write</i>	<i>wrist</i>
<i>written</i>	<i>wreck</i>
<i>wrote</i>	<i>wrestle</i>
<i>wrong</i>	<i>wriggle</i>
<i>wrap</i>	<i>wren</i>

Times tables – Children will continue to practise their 10x tables. I forgot to mention last week that they will be tested on 11 x 10 and 12 x 10. This will be the case for all the times tables we learn. You will be informed in your child's contact book when they are ready to move on to their 5 times tables. Thank you for your support.