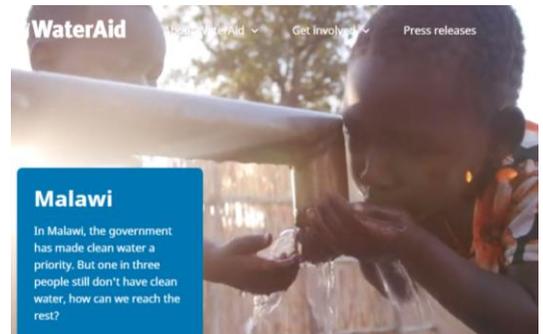


# Year 2 Newsletter

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

For English this week, we read a non-fiction book about how people living in Malawi can struggle to get clean water and the effect that this has on their lives. We couldn't believe that some children have to walk for three hours to collect water, so consequently cannot attend school. We also looked at a website of a charity who raise money to help people in Africa get access to clean water. With all the information we had learnt, we planned and wrote a report about water in Malawi, using sub-headings to clearly section our writing. We thought about how we could raise money for Wateraid as a class and decided we would like to do a cake sale at school. We only decided this today, so next week we will plan the event and inform you of the details! We will try to bake some cakes at school, but you can also bake some at home too if you'd like!



In SPaG this week, we practised using the past and present tense accurately. We re-wrote sentences from the past to the present tense and vice-versa.

For maths, we focused on finding fractions of quantities and shapes. We had lots of practise finding fractions of amounts by sharing counters into equal groups, or by drawing pictures to help us. We also had to solve word problems involving fractions and write detailed answers, showing our working out. We can now find  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{2}{3}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a quantity. We also practised finding 10 more or 10 less than a number and telling the time to the nearest quarter of an hour.

In science, we compared the suitability of everyday materials by exploring and discussing why certain objects are made out of particular materials. We also discussed why some objects (e.g. a spoon) are made from many different materials because they are better suited for different purposes (so you'd use wooden spoon for cooking and a plastic spoon for a toddler).

In PSHE this week we shared our achievements that we are proud of and thought about goals that we could set ourselves for this year. We made a special envelope each to keep all of our achievements in throughout the year.

We are very lucky to have a student teacher, Miss Smith, join us in Year 2 for the next few months. She will be teaching some lessons and supporting the children with their learning until the end of March.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Mockler

## Year 2 Spellings

### Common Exception Words

|              |               |
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| <i>fast</i>  | <i>last</i>   |
| <i>class</i> | <i>father</i> |
| <i>pass</i>  | <i>grass</i>  |
| <i>plant</i> | <i>path</i>   |
| <i>bath</i>  | <i>people</i> |