

Year 2 Newsletter

Friday 8th February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

In English this week we have been reading a traditional African tale called 'Tortoise's Dream.' We drew the main events of the story in a story map, then began writing our own versions of the story. We focused on including descriptive detail and using speech marks when the characters were talking.

In SPaG, we have been focusing on the suffixes 'er' and 'est'. We remembered how a word ending in 'y' has to change the 'y' to an 'i' when adding these suffixes, so 'smelly' would become 'smellier' or 'smelliest'.

In maths this week, we have been focusing on 2D shapes. We practised using rulers to draw accurate straight lines and 2D shapes. Then we looked at how we can find lines of symmetry in shapes, pictures and patterns by using mirrors to help us. We spent Wednesday morning creating symmetrical pictures using paint, drawing the other halves of symmetrical pictures and we also used 'Colour Magic' in the ICT suite to draw our own symmetrical pictures. We have also been looking at position and direction, seeing how 2D shapes can be rotated clockwise and anticlockwise in quarter, half and full turns.



In our science lesson, we tested how different objects can change shape by being squashed, bent, twisted or stretched. We compared a variety of objects as to how their shape can be changed. We discovered that the object that could be manipulated the most was play-doh, and the object that could be manipulated the least was a tin can.

In RE we discussed who we would choose if we could pick any twelve people to be part of our team to be world-changers. Once we chose our twelve world-changers, we discussed the reasons why we chose them and thought about what particular qualities these people have. Then we thought about Jesus's twelve disciples and what they were like as people. We read Matthew 9:9-13, where Jesus chose Matthew, the tax collector, as one of his disciples even though most people disliked him. We learnt how Christians teach that Jesus brought good news because he was a friend to those left out by other people.

Forest school: Our next forest school session will be next **Friday 15th February.**

Home learning: As we have forest school next Friday, the children will be tested on their spellings and times tables next Thursday instead. Also, we will start sending home the children's spelling books on Friday so you can see how they get on in their spelling tests. Please could you make sure that your child brings their book back to school the following week? Many thanks.

Cake sale for Wateraid: We will have our cake sale to raise money for Wateraid on **Thursday 28th February**. We would love it if you could help by baking some cakes at home and your child can bring them to school on the Thursday. Thank you so much!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Mockler

Year 2 Spellings

The sound /u/
spelt with 'o'

<i>other</i>	<i>mother</i>
<i>brother</i>	<i>nothing</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>money</i>
<i>honey</i>	<i>cover</i>
<i>discover</i>	<i>wonder</i>