

# Year 2 Newsletter

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may have heard, on Monday morning, whilst our on a nature walk, we discovered a rather unusual egg. We decided to take it into the classroom for safe-keeping and to keep it warm. After writing letters to Mrs Holditch to persuade her to let us keep the egg, we waited patiently for the egg to hatch... to reveal a baby dragon! We read a book called 'Tell me a dragon' to look at lots of different types of dragons. Then we wrote our own dragon poems, imagining what we'd like our very own dragons to look like. We used lots of descriptive language and similes to add detail to our poems. Next, we read a book called 'The Egg', about a little boy who finds an enormous dragon egg and then trains his dragon to be 'dragony' by teaching it to fly, breathe fire and battle with knights. In pairs, we planned our own reports for 'how to train a dragon', which we will write up neatly next week.



In maths this week, we began by practising telling the time to o'clock, quarter past, half past and quarter to. We also moved on to look at how we tell the time to the nearest five minutes. Next, we focused on making amounts with money. We used the column method for addition to help us add the cost of two or three items together from a shop. Then we looked at how we can use different combinations of coins to make the same total.

We continued to learn about different continents this week and learnt more about Africa, focusing on the country of Kenya. We also learnt about a local historical figure, Julius Brenchley, who was born in Maidstone in 1816 and travelled to six of the seven continents. We learnt about some of the places he went to and how he survived falling into an active volcano in Eduador and being shot in the neck by an arrow in North America.

The children all looked fantastic on World Book Day – thank you for all the effort you made with their costumes! We were lucky to have Year 6 visit Year 2 to sit and read with us.





Cake sale for Wateraid: Just to let you all know that Year 2 raised £87 for Wateraid! Thank you once again for all your help with the cakes and well done Year 2!

I have also attached the PowerPoint I used to talk about the Year 2 SATs tests, for those who were unable to make the evening talk. Please feel free to pop in and ask any questions you may have. I will let you know a bit nearer the time what dates the tests will take place on.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Mockler

## Year 2 Spellings

The /o/ sound  
spelt with 'a' after  
w and qu

want	watch
wander	quantity
squash	quality
squabble	squad
quad	quarrel