



Welcome to Autumn 2

Wow! What a fantastic first half term we have had. I really am incredibly proud of our children for all of their hard work over the last 7 weeks. It is a big jump from Reception to Year 1 and the more structured format of the learning is a challenging adjustment for some learners. However, they have been extremely resilient and have taken everything in their stride! I hope you are as proud of them as we are!

Our learning about Paddington's journey has been a HUGE success with the children becoming fully immersed in the stories we have looked at. We became confident in using the elements of a simple sentence: capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

For our final story focus we learnt a shortened version of 'Paddington' by using story map pictures and actions.



Reading

Thank you to those parents and children who are bringing in their reading folders everyday so that we can read with them.

Please do remember to read at least 3 times a week and record it in their yellow reading records.

Reading is incredibly important and it really does make a huge difference when a child reads daily! We will now be checking how many reads your child has done on a Wednesday. This result is then read out in assembly to see who wins the reading cup!

Maths

This half term we will be learning about

- Number bonds to 10
- Addition
- Subtract
- Fact families—these are related number sentences: $2+4=6$ $4+2=6$ $6-4=2$ $6-2=4$

Writing

Over this half term our learning will be called '**Animal Kingdom**' where, you guessed it...it will be all about animals! We will look at different animals and their classifications such as; mammals, amphibians and fish. For our writing, we will be looking at animal reports and writing our own animal fact files!



Google Classroom

A polite reminder to make sure you are signed up to Google Classroom. This is where we post reminders, make announcements and will be uploading home learning. If you need a new letter with your login details, please speak to your child's class teacher.





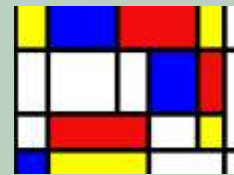
Our learning this half term!

Science - We will be learning to identify, name, describe and compare a variety of common animals.



Geography - We will be learning about the United Kingdom including its countries and capital cities.

Art - We will be learning about different thickness of lines and how to create different effects.



PE - The children will be using what they learnt about the beat of the music to learn a dance routine to a song. They will also be learning how to throw and catch a ball with greater accuracy.

Computing - During computing, the children will learn what an algorithm is and how to code. First of all we will look at Beebots and then apply this knowledge to a programme called J2E.



RHE/PSHE - In our class discussions, we will be looking at positive relationships and thinking about what bullying means, how to make friends and be good friends and the similarities and differences between themselves and others in their class.

RE—This term, we will learning about the Christian creation story. Children will learn about the beliefs of Christians and the significance of each of the seven days to them. Finally, children will order the events to show their understanding of the creation story.



Music— The children will be ready to boogie as we explore music of different genres. The children will learn to play a beat and even perform some reggae tunes.



Anti-bullying week will take place the week commencing the 14th November. We will be wearing spotty socks on Monday and will be exploring how we can 'reach out' to our peers to give them a safe and happy school environment.

