



Year 2 Autumn 1 Newsletter



Coming up in Autumn 1

Travel to Tanzania

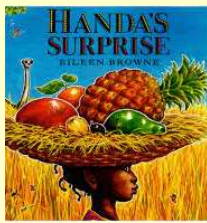


Would you rather live in Waterlooville or Yamba Village?

Our term starts with learning all about the continents and oceans of the world. We will learn what human and physical features are and compare these in Tanzania and Waterlooville. In DT, we will be investigating wheels and axles in use around school and designing and crafting our own vehicle. We will use a range of recycled material and a wheel and axle mechanism. Towards the end of the first half term, we will be sharing our own ideas of how the world was created and beginning to understand Christian and Hindu beliefs on creation.

**Thank you for your continued support
Year 2 Team**

Our English learning will include story writing using creative adjectives to describe different exotic animals and fruits from Africa. We will apply this vocabulary to write our own animal poem.



Our Mathematics learning will focus on the place value of two-digit numbers up to 100. We will read, write and represent numbers using resources and words. We will also be practising counting in steps of 2s, 5s, and 10s from any number.

Later in the half-term, we will be consolidating and practising the addition and subtraction skills learnt in Year 1 and begin moving onto Year 2 learning.

Our Personal and Development Learning (SCARF) unit is:



Me and My Relationships

The key learning points are:

- Use a range of words to describe feelings.
- Identify helpful ways to respond to others' feelings.
- Define what is meant by 'bullying' and 'teasing'.
- Understand and describe strategies to deal with 'bullying'.
- Identify some of the ways good friends care for each other.

How you can **support your child's learning at home**



To support your child's reading, it would really help if you could read with your child regularly, ask questions about what the characters do and why, and ask them to predict what might happen next. You could encourage your child to suggest alternative endings to stories and discuss how the author has made them feel about the characters and their actions. Maybe search for books and information about Africa.

In Year 2, we aim to write and spell our 'common exception words' accurately. We will provide a list of these to practise over the half term. We would ask that you encourage your child to practise these at home weekly - the children will have weekly check-ups to assess progress in school. Perhaps you and your child could write a story together. For any writing your child does at home, please remind them to use capital letters, finger spaces and end stops (. ? or !)

During Year 2, children should learn and be able to recall pairs of numbers that make each of the numbers up to and including twenty (e.g. $7 + 6 = 13$, $8 + 5 = 13$, $9 + 4 = 13$ etc.). It would be very helpful if you could practise these 'little and often'. You could play number bond bingo, snap with the number pairs to 20 or even use online maths games.

Year 2 Messages



Our indoor PE is on Friday morning and our outdoor PE is Thursday afternoon. Please ensure that your child comes into school on these days wearing their PE kit. Long hair must be tied up and earrings removed or tape provided for all PE sessions.

Please make sure your child's name is inside their coat, jumper/cardigan and t-shirt as these often go missing! Please also ensure that your child has a water bottle in the classroom every day.

Date for your Year 2 diary

Date TBC - Visit to Waterlooville Baptist Church