

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have had a wonderful time painting in the style of Georges Seurat this week. They have mixed the colours they needed before using special tools to work in dots - a pointillist style. The children have also worked hard writing facts about different minibeasts in their own fact files.



We have a lot of extra notices for you this week. Thank you for your ongoing support.

School trip to Paxton Pits: 19th March

Polar Bears and half of Penguins (surnames A-J inclusive) will be going on our school trip to Paxton Pits on the 19th March. On the day, your child will need to wear school uniform consisting of clothes covering their arms and legs. **Please layer up under uniform if the forecast is cold.** They will need a warm **waterproof coat** with a hood and bring their **wellies or a pair of trainers** that will be able to get muddy into school. The children will be wearing their wellies for the majority of the day so you may wish for them to wear thick, warm socks too. If you intend on your child using the wellies they have in school please check these still fit them and are still on their peg **before Tuesday**.

Your child will need a **packed lunch** for the day, a filled **water bottle** and an **additional drink for lunch**.

Your child will still need a filled **water bottle** if you have chosen a school packed lunch. We will provide all children with a healthy snack mid-morning.

They will need to carry their belongings around with them to each activity during the trip, **all children** should bring **one bag**, preferably a **backpack** which will hold **all** their belongings including their lunch (from school or home) and their **water bottle** – all the items they bring should be named.

If your child suffers from travel sickness, please ensure they have taken a tablet before they arrive at school.

Volunteer helpers – we will be in contact with you today regarding your help. Thank you for your patience.

Church Visit: Monday 25th March

Thank you for the parents who have volunteered to help us walk to and from St John's Church. We now have enough help and look forward to visiting.

We will not be going to the forest for Welly Wednesday on 20th March 2024. Please send your child to school in school uniform.

Sewing in class – parents and carers invited in

As part of our Design Technology learning, the children will be designing then making their own soft toy. This soft toy will be made of two felt pieces that need stitching together, through pre-punched holes. The more help we can get with such a fun activity, the better. **If you would like to come in and help in class on Wednesday 20th from 12:55-2:15, please let the class teacher know.** Thank you very much in advance!

Reading at home

Collins Ebook Access

Your child brought home a printed letter with details of their log in details for Collins eBooks last term.

Children will be assigned books which are closely matched to their phonics knowledge and current reading ability.

If you have any problems with accessing the account, please ask your child's teacher.

Reading for pleasure

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Please continue to read with and to your child at home, enjoying reading books together. Library books come home weekly and they are ideal for this activity.

Phonics reading books will go home Friday and need to be back in class on Monday.

Library books go home Tuesday or Wednesday and need to be back in class on Monday.

We cannot re-issue a book to your child until they have returned their previous book.



Home learning	
Reading books	Allow your child time to read their phonics book to you. Share your child's library book with them as you read for pleasure.
Mathletics	Please access tasks on Mathletics that link to previous class learning (you can find this on previous Y2 newsletters). We have sent home log in details but if you need these sent again please ask and we can get these for you.
Spellings	Practise spelling these words with your child. These have been our focus spellings in class this week: kind, last, many, mind Spell the words on their own and if you can manage this, spell them correctly in a sentence. Other ideas for practising spellings can be found in the Year 2 Useful Resources section on the school website.

We would like to share our learning for the week. You may find it useful to discuss or practise the learning:

Our **focus vocabulary** for the week will be: **huddling, dreadful, anxious, relief and fearful**

These words are all taken from our class text and guided reading book: **Into the Forest** by Anthony Browne

Discuss these words with your child. How can they use them appropriately in a sentence and define their meaning?

English	In English next week we will be writing up our Science Week investigation into active adaptations of animals to their environment. Later in the week, Poalr Bears will write a recount of their trip to Paxton Pits. Penguins and Arctic Foxes will be focussing on using their grammar and sentence skills as they write all about themselves growing up as part of our PSHE learning. See the letter here for the PSHE Relationships Education learning we will be covering.
Maths	In Maths next week we will be continuing our Measurement focus by moving onto mass. We will be measuring with grams (g) and kilograms, understanding that these can be used to weigh lighter and heavier objects. We will practise the four operations within a number sentence (add, subtract, divide and takeaway). Later in the week we will begin to look at capacity (measuring liquids).

Please contact us if you have any queries.

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