Year 2

9.10.26

Dear Parents and Carers

Swifts and Swallows have continued to settle into Year 2 and have been working hard with their learning.

In Maths, we have been focusing on addition and subtraction, looking at fact families and related facts.

Using our text 'The Papaya that Spoke', the children began to plan and write their own version of this story.

In Science, we continued with our new topic 'Habitats', focusing on producers, prey and predators and learning how these are all linked.

Spelling – we have practised again the following words – **quickest, alphabet, hair, boat, sister, thunder, tried, football, grew and dream.**

We are also practising some of the letters the children are still finding difficult. This week we have practised again the letters –**z, q, and d.** You will have been given details at the end of Year 1 of the letters your child still needed to practise. Please continue to practise at home.

Handwriting videos are currently being added to the Year 2 website page.

Parent Information:

Christmas Artwork –The children will be bringing home their artwork by the end of next week. **Please return by 20th of October.**

Harvest Liturgy - On Friday 16th October the children will have the annual Harvest Liturgy at school. As always, we would very much appreciate if the children can bring in any in date, non-perishable food items or toiletries, preferably from the list below. These are donated directly to Farnham Foodbank. Thank you.

- Instant mash
- Pasta
- UHT desserts such as sponge puddings, jelly & angel delight
- Chocolate

DT day information (Thursday 22nd October): Children will be designing "The Giant's Breakfast". We will be making pancakes for the Giant and thinking about what a Giant may need in terms of nutrition to remain healthy. We kindly ask that you send in the following with your children on the day:

- 2 fruits (we are practicing chopping so please ensure they are fruit your child can easily cut)
- 2 scotch pancakes
- A container they can bring the final product home in.

Where possible please try to share items and split costs with other parents! We will be providing the children with a choice of drizzles to add to the top of their pancake stack.

Uniform – a polite reminder to name all uniform. We have already collected several un-named jumpers which will now be in lost property.

For Games and PE – A reminder that the children will need to wear their **full PE kits** (labelled with name) to school, with appropriate footwear (trainers). Please ensure all jewellery is removed on these days.

Home Time Arrangement Form – please complete and return the new form for Year 2. This has been sent to you directly from the school office. Thanks.

Communication - If you have any questions or messages for your child's class teacher, please come and speak to us at the **end of the day** or email info@stpolycarps.surrey.sch.uk.

We kindly request that if there is an urgent message in the morning, please inform the staff in the office and they will ensure the message is passed on.

Reading Expectations in Year 2: Please see the details below.

Changes to Spelling Teaching in Years 2-6 - see below

Dear Parents and Carers,

From September, we will be using Read Write Inc. (RWI) Spelling across Years 2-6 and will no longer be using Spelling Shed (EdShed).

Children will take part in daily spelling lessons, which provide a clear and consistent approach to spelling, building on the phonics and handwriting programmes already used in school. Research shows that frequent practice and consistency help children to remember and apply spelling patterns more effectively in their writing.

There will be no formal weekly spelling homework or tests. However, we recommend regular practice at home. Your child's weekly spelling words will be shared in the newsletter, and additional activities (in Spelling Extra Practice Zone) can be accessed through the RWI Spelling Portal: https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-pupils/pupil-home

Username: polysyear2
Password: y2polys

Homework

Homework will be set on Friday and due in the following Friday.

Spelling – there is no formal homework, but we do encourage you to practise this week's spelling words at home.

Maths -will be set on maths.co.uk: https://www.maths.co.uk/

We have recently noticed many children have not been completing the weekly Maths homework. A polite reminder that homework needs to be completed each week. Please let us know if you are experiencing any difficulties with this.

Times Table Rock Stars – Weekly times table practice should be 3 minutes per day on TTRS or 21 minutes per week. Please focus on the times tables your child is working on for their weekly quiz.

This week will be the final number bonds to 20 quiz for those children still on number bonds. From Thursday 15th October, all children will be quizzed on times tables starting with 10s. Once the children have been successful in scoring full marks 3 times, they will move onto the 5 times tables.

Please continue to practise at home to ensure fluency.

Reading – Daily reading of RWI phonics books or their AR reading book and any other books you may have at home. If you child has a reading record (phonics), please record their daily reading.

If your child is on Master Reader, they should complete one quiz on Accelerated Reader per week. Children cannot change their book until they have completed a quiz. The link can be found here.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 16th October – Harvest Festival

Tuesday 20th & Thursday 22nd October – Parents' Evening

Thursday 22nd October – DT Day – making the Giant's breakfast (see details above

Thursday 22nd October – Break up for half term 3.15pm finish

Saturday 14th November (Afternoon) – Choir event – Farnham Christmas Light Switch On

Have a fantastic weekend!

Year 2 Team

Reading Expectations in Year 2

Handy Hints

- Make reading part of your daily routine.
- Short sessions – **10 mins** a day is ideal.
- Always make reading fun not a chore.
- Talk and discuss the story.
- Read a range of books not just the ones from school.
- You can use the pictures to help read the text.
- Remember to Fred Talk (sound out) any unknown words using phonic sounds.

Please remember to write the date and title of the book in the Reading Record if your child has one. You can also add a comment if you wish.

Read Write Inc.- Children will be reading each day in their RWI lessons. Children will then bring home reading books every 3 days.

Accelerated Reader- Children who have finished RWI will progress to reading Accelerated Reader books. Books will be chosen according to the ZPD level and changed regularly. A quiz needs to be completed once the book has been read. Every child must have done at least 1 quiz by Autumn half term.

Children's voice – we would love to see what your child thinks about their books. After finishing a book, they could always write a comment.

Choir – Christmas Lights Switch On 2026 Saturday 14th November

Poly's Polyphonics will be performing at the Farnham Christmas Lights Switch On 2026 at Gostrey Meadows. This will be an afternoon performance, although exact timings will be confirmed nearer the event. Further details will be shared via email in due course.

In the meantime, please encourage your child to rehearse using Muse Class Primary:

https://www.eemusicclass.co.uk/shared/g4Yhq2yLI3W4gFIL

Find the songs ('Pat A Pan', 'Hear the Sleigh Bells' and 'One More Sleep 'til Christmas'), click on 'view song' then scroll down to 'Available Learning Resources' and access the 'interactive content' by clicking on 'lyrics'. Feel free to explore other options also (e.g.: 'Audio' - 'Accompaniment – backing track only' once lyrics have been learnt).