



Year 2 Newsletter

Our newsletter is sent out fortnightly to keep you up to date.

Friday 9th May

English

In our English lessons last week, we read about Tenzing Norgay's childhood living at the foot of Mount Everest. We used our Reading Detective skills to understand new vocabulary and to summarise the paragraphs we read. In this week's spelling lesson, we explored our spelling pattern through a set of instructions for the game *Ghutta*—a traditional game Tenzing may have played as a young boy. We discovered that sometimes the phoneme for the short /o/ is written using the letter 'a' such as 'what' or 'squash'.

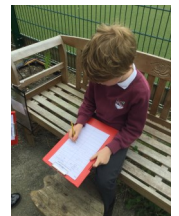


Swimming

We were very proud of the children during their first outing to Waves this week. Not only did they give their best efforts in the water, but they also demonstrated our Core Values superbly while travelling by coach and using the changing areas. We would also like to thank the parents who assisted with swimming. There is a **sign-up sheet** on both Year 2 external doors for any parents who are able to volunteer at a future session.

Maths

In maths we have been using partitioning to help us to add together two digit numbers. We have also solved missing number calculations using our knowledge of fact families. Next week we will be recording temperature as we revisit reading numbers on a scale.



Geography

This half-term, our topic is *How does the weather affect our lives?* We began by identifying and describing different types of weather, then we worked in groups to make our very own weather vanes. Next we explored how famous artists represent weather in their work and the emotions it can evoke. Inspired by this, we created our own weather-themed watercolour paintings. As the term continues, we'll investigate seasonal changes through music and we'll use our map skills to explore global weather patterns.



Warm weather



As the sun shines on us this term, just a reminder to ensure all jumpers, cardigans and coats have names inside them. Children often take them off at playtimes and it is very difficult to ensure they go home with the right person if they are not named. Sun cream should be applied before school as we often spend time outdoors as part of our learning. Sending a sun hat with your child is also advised, they can keep it in their drawer during the day so it is always handy for them when we go outside. We appreciate your support with this.

Important Dates

Monday 12th May: Class photos
Friday 23rd May: Teacher Training Day
Monday 2nd June: Back to school
WB Monday 9th June: Father's Day Gift Shop
Wednesday 11th June: Visit to Gibside
Monday 16th June: Sports Day @2pm
Wednesday 25th June: 9am—Meet the Year 3 Team
Tuesday 1st July—Informal Year 3 Drop-In
Friday 4th July: Summer Fair

Proud to make a positive impact.