



# Year 2 Newsletter

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

Friday 11th July



Well, here we are with only one week left until the end of the academic year, and my goodness, it has flown over! The children have been superstars, and we're going to miss each and every one. They really have worked their socks off this year and should feel incredibly proud of themselves. On behalf of the Year 2 Team, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderfully restful summer. Here's hoping we all get a drop of sunshine or two!

## Art

The children have loved learning how to sketch different animals in our Art lessons this half term using simple shapes and lines. Inspired by the wonderful artwork of Beatrix Potter, the children then set about creating their own animal character.



The children worked carefully to sketch the outline of their animal, mixed watercolours to paint a background and then use art pencils to add different shades and tones of colour.



## Harvest Time!

It was all hands on deck this week as we worked together to harvest the vegetables that we have been growing in our raised bed. Lots of us enjoyed sampling the beetroot, carrots, potatoes and mange tout today for our school lunch!

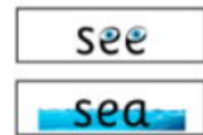


## PSHE

As you are already aware, this week our PSHE learning has focussed on recognising the physical differences between girls and boys and the use of the relevant vocabulary. All of the Year 2 staff have been impressed with the mature and sensible approach the children took to the lesson.

## English

This week, our spelling focus has been on homophones, where words that sound the same are spelled differently, e.g. their and there, blue and blew. We had a great time making our own homophone booklets and coming up with creative ways to remember the meaning of each one!



Each year, primary school children can sign up for the nationally run Summer Reading Challenge and have fun with reading over the

holidays. There are two ways to participate in the Summer Reading Challenge: children can join at Whitley Bay Library and take part in person. The librarian will give them a collector folder, stickers, and other special rewards, and help them find books to read. Alternatively, they can participate online, where children can set a reading goal and log their books on their own profile. When they reach their goal, they will unlock a virtual badge and certificate. Further details about the challenge are available by following this link:

[About-the-challenge | Summer Reading Challenge](#)

## Important Dates

Friday 18th July—Last day of term

Monday 1st September—Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 2nd September—Children back to school

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