



# Year 2 Newsletter

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

Friday 30th January

## English

Through the story *The Magic Paintbrush*, we have been learning how to use the possessive apostrophe. We have also explored the suffix -ful and how it changes nouns into adjectives. We then practised these skills along with our new common exception words by transcribing the story. Next week, we will be innovating our own finding tales!



## Geography

In Geography we have begun discovering how the lives of people and the natural environment differ in Kampong Ayer, Brunei compared to our lives in the UK. Using atlases and our knowledge of continents and hemispheres, we completed a Map Hunt in pairs by identifying countries from their fact files.



Following this we focused on the country of Brunei in which the world's largest water village is located. From a description we drew what we thought the village would be



like then we began observing features of traditional homes in Kampong Ayer using images, descriptions and floor plans.

## Faith and Diversity Day

At the beginning of the Spring Term we held a Faith and Diversity Day across the school to recognise and celebrate beliefs and differences on a global and local scale. This year's theme was 'Spirited Art'. The children enjoyed finding out about different faiths from around the world, which provoked some wonderful discussion about the similarities and differences with our own lives. Our day culminated in producing a large collaborative piece of art based around 'Belonging'.



## Dates for your diary

**Tuesday 3rd February** 9.10-9.40am (School Hall): Yr2 Book Look - a chance to explore your child's school books with them.

**Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th February:** Parents Consultation evenings

**Friday 13th February:** Last day of Spring 1 half term (Magical Mischief Day! )

**Coming up after half term:**

**Monday 23rd February**—First day of the half term

**Wednesday 18th March**—Year 2 visit to the Discovery Museum (further details on ParentPay)

If you are available to help with this visit, please speak to Mrs Dunn or Mr Price.



## Times Tables Rock Stars

Over the past couple of weeks, the children have loved using Times Tables Rock Stars to support their fluency and recall of multiplication and division facts. Each child has been given their log in details as many children have been keen to log on at home too!

The app has a lot of different features which we will explore together in class over the coming weeks and months, however our focus so far has been on the 'Jamming' and 'Garage' sections. Please encourage your child to practise multiplication facts for the 10, 2 and 5 times table in these un-timed games, where each correct answer earns coins to spend in the TTRS shop. Please ensure that your child answers each question independently to ensure that they continue to be set questions that challenge them but that they are also able to answer.

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