



Year 2 Newsletter

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

Friday 15th May

English

In our English lessons last week, we read about Tenzing Norgay's childhood living at the foot of Mount Everest. 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'.



Spelling Shed can be accessed at home and is a great way for children to practise our weekly spelling patterns in a fun and interactive way.

What's Coming Up

Our final half term in Year 2 promises to be a super one! We will be using our enquiry skills in History to find out about how communication has changed and in English we will be writing instructions for how to build a den following our experiences at Gibside. We'll also be catching up with Farmer Julie, continuing our swimming lessons and getting ready to visit Year 3!

Important Dates

Friday 22nd May: Teacher Training Day
Monday 1st June: Back to school
Monday 15th June: Sports Day @ 2pm
Tuesday 23rd June: Visit to Gibside
(please see Mrs Dunn or Mr Price if you are available to help)
Tuesday 30th June: New to Year 3 Drop-In @3.30-4.30pm
Wednesday 1st July: Year 3 Transition Day
Friday 3rd July: Summer Fair

STEM Week

Last week, we had a fantastic STEM Week filled with exciting, hands-on learning opportunities! The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring a range of activities that encouraged creativity, teamwork and problem-solving.



On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome Mrs Fail from the Hancock Museum, who taught us how museums protect their artefacts. The children asked thoughtful questions and learned how important it is to preserve objects from the past. In maths, we used special 3D printed shapes to investigate tessellation with Mr Lawson-Perfect.



During our cooking session we followed a simple recipe to bake bread. We were very proud of our delicious results!

The children also worked in teams using a flight simulator to try and safely land a plane. This activity encouraged excellent communication and cooperation, as the children had to listen to each other and make decisions together.

Skipping Festival

If you are able to accompany the Year 2 skipping team on the morning of Friday 5th June, please speak to either Mrs Dunn or Mr Price.



Proud to make a positive impact.