



Year 2 Newsletter

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

Friday 22nd October

We can hardly believe it but here we are on the Friday before the half term holiday. The children have worked exceptionally hard and we are very proud of each and every one of them. It has been so lovely to finally get back to doing the things we have had to put on hold for so long. From the fieldtrip to St Mary's Island to proper groupwork activities and not to mention our harvest celebration—what a fabulous half term we have had!

Phonics

As you know the Year One Phonics Screening Check (PSC) was postponed by the government for the second year due to COVID school 'closures'. The Summer 2021 PSC will now take place for children in Year 2 this next half term. This is not a formal test but a way in which children's progress with their phonic skills can be assessed. The check comprises of a set of phonetically decodable real and pseudo words. Pseudo words are included in the check specifically to assess whether a child can decode a word using phonics skills rather than their memory.

We would like to assure you that the check is by no means stressful for children indeed at Southridge the whole process is kept very low key. The children are quite used to quick phonics assessments as part of our RWI phonics provision and see it as a fun 1:1 activity with an adult.

Children are individuals and as such they progress at different speeds with some needing a little more support than others. Phonics teaching is in place at Southridge right into Key Stage Two and for as long as individual children need. If necessary, there will be a second opportunity for a child to take the PSC in June 2022.



We have been so pleased to hear how excited the children have been about our reading challenge. If you have any photographs of your child completing any of the individual tasks we would love to see them.



In our maths lessons this week we have been using bar models to explore number bonds to 10 and 20. Included with this newsletter are a selection of resources which you may find useful in supporting your child develop their recall of number bond facts for both 10 and 20. There are two boardgames and also a set of ice cream cones for the children to cut-out and match.

Next half term our topics change. Detailed information will be available on our topic web which will be attached to the next of our newsletters but for now here is a peek at some of the things we will be doing.



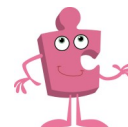
The Great Fire of London



Exploring colour and tone.



The uses of
everyday materials.



Celebrating difference.



Production will also start on our Christmas performance. We will begin to learn the songs and think about the type of roles we would like to have. We are already very excited about you joining us.

We work hard,
enjoy school and try our best.