

Dear Parents,

Can you believe we have completed our first term in Year 2?! The class have settled in very well and are adapting well to the demands of the curriculum. They have really enjoyed the Life on an Ocean Wave topic, and its been a pleasure seeing how enthusiastic they have been in learning the history of the sailors and the geography of the oceans.

Next term our topic is Fire! We cover the Great Fire of London, diary writing (Samuel Pepys), and we'll be hopefully visiting the fire station and having our own campfire! In addition, as the term progresses, we will be getting ready for our Nativity!

Thank you so much for the wonderful homework last weekend, we have had the folders out to support the children with making their Ocean Fact Books! They have been looking after their books in their trays and getting them out at every opportunity to share them with each other.

Homework for the half term is to keep a (brief!) diary of the holiday. Just a few sentences each day will help build up the picture of what a diary is for and how it records events and feelings.

This week we have continued our Addition and Subtraction unit, focusing on number bonds in tens to 100 and then adding and subtracting tens. This will be continued after half term. Please keep up any counting practise (2s,5s,10s from any number.) In Year 2 we have to be able to count forwards AND backwards in these jumps!

In the afternoon we have had Music. We have been studying The Carnival of the Animals and using the words Pitch (high and low), Tempo (fast or slow) and Dynamics (loud or quiet) to describe the differences in the pieces of music.

Have a lovely half term!

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