

Year 2 Weekly Newsletter

6/10/17

In English, we shared the story of **Stone Soup**, which will be the Year 2 contribution towards our Harvest Festival. The children added actions to the storyline and then drew story maps to help sequence it. Then they began writing their own versions of the story. They were encouraged to think of different ways of starting off each sentence.

In Maths, we continued to look at number patterns on the 100 square, looking at what happens to the tens digit when we add tens. The children tried some simple adding and worked out that if you can know $2 + 4 = 6$ then you can use this fact to work out $20 + 40 = 60$.

You can support your child at home by counting in ones, twos, fives, tens, twenties or hundreds, as this will be an on-going focus for our Maths teaching this term.

Homework Activities

Spellings will come home on Friday and will be tested through dictation the following Friday. These can be learnt by using the Look-Cover-Write-Check method or by writing them into a sentence. Encourage your child to learn the words by joining the letters as shown in the list.

Reading – please read every day with your child and talk to them about the story. *What might happen next? Why did ___ do that? What do you think ___ might say?* It helps us if you can write a comment in the Reading Diary too.

PE - Tuesdays

Every child must have a PE kit in school. This needs to be a light blue top and dark blue bottoms. They will also need a suitable pair of trainers.

To avoid losing PE kit, please label all items of clothing clearly with your child's full name.

Reading Volunteers

Thank you so much for the offers to help with reading. We would welcome more, so if you can volunteer, please come and see us.

Visit to Pizza Express!

The visit to Pizza Express is just a few weeks away. This trip is completely free but the children will need to make sure that they have suitable clothing to walk to the Golden Cross Pizza Express. We need to arrive at Pizza Express at 9.30am, so we will be leaving at **8.45am**. We will need children to arrive at 8.30am this day to avoid us leaving late. We will be back at school in time for lunch.

- Thames class will be visiting Pizza Express on Tuesday 17th October and
- Seine class on Wednesday 18th October.

We will need volunteers to help with this visit, so please let us know if you are available to help.

General reminders

- Thames Class sharing assembly has been **changed** and will now be on Friday 13th October.
- **Harvest Celebration on Monday 9th October at St Matthew's** – please bring non-perishable goods for the local Foodbank and please bring a small contribution for the Harvest Service collection which is going to help children in Mexico affected by the earthquake

Morning and afternoon drop-off/pick-up:

- Please come into school in the mornings via the side gates (into the main playground or into the EYFS playground). These gates will be opened just before 8.40 a.m. so that children can go straight into classes.
 - Please avoid coming through reception unless you need to speak to our administrators – please ring for entry.
 - We provide breakfast club for children who regularly need to arrive before 8.40 a.m. (please speak to Steph Lowe to enrol). Parents should deliver children to breakfast club by using the after-school-club bell and entering via the hall doors.
 - For those who occasionally arrive early, children may wait in the hall (although parents should be aware that this is not supervised) from 8.30 a.m. until classes are open at 8.40 a.m. Please could parents ring at reception for children to come in (not the bell for breakfast club).
 - Afternoons – the two side gates will be opened just before 3 p.m. Children in EYFS to Y3 will be handed back to parents. Please could children in the KS2 building meet parents in an agreed spot outside on the playground.
 - If you are late collecting, children should go to the blue chairs in reception to wait. When you arrive, please come to reception to sign them out.
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- **Term finishes at 3pm on Friday 20th October.**