

Year 2L Newsletter

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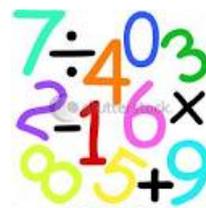
Welcome



Happy New Year. Welcome back. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the lovely Christmas cards and presents - they were very much appreciated.

The children are already working very hard and we have lots of lovely things planned for this term. See separate letter about our trip to Jodrell Bank. If you have any worries or just need to pass on some information, we are generally available after school for any quick questions or concerns. If you need longer, please telephone for an appointment. The other option, if you can't get in, is to email: ndennis@middletonparishce.rochdale.sch.uk . I do try to check it most days! Thank you for your continued support.
Mrs Dennis and Miss Gralton

Maths



In Numeracy this term we have started by looking at time and money. We are also developing our multiplication skills and will begin to learn about division. We will also be working with simple fractions. We will practise adding and subtracting larger numbers. We will use all our skills to solve problems.

In our daily activities we will be developing our knowledge of mathematical vocabulary and will be focusing on different ways to say add, take away and now multiply and divide as well.

Maths skills you can work on at home with your child:

- Counting forwards and backwards in 1s, 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s.
- Recalling addition and subtraction facts to numbers up to 5 eg $2+1=$, $2+3=$, $4-1=$, $2-0=$, and then 10.
- Recalling number bonds to 10 eg $6+4$, $2+8$ and 20
- Recalling doubles of numbers up to 10.
- Learning the 10x, 5x and 2x tables.
- Doubles and halves to 20
- Multiplication and division facts for 2, 5 and 10

English



In Literacy we will learn about writing non chronological reports. We are focusing on Winter Animals e.g Polar Bears and Emperor Penguins.

We will be developing our phonic knowledge further to help us with our spelling. Keep learning your spellings every week and return the homework sheet every Friday.

We are also working on our handwriting and continuing to write in a cursive style using leading lines and flicks on our letters as we join them together. Many children are now using a pen!

Our guided reading sessions also continue and the children are developing confidence when answering comprehension questions.

Ways to help your child's writing at home:

- Encourage your child to find information and write about animals. Encourage them to segment 'break down' the sounds in words to write them.

Ways to help your child to develop comprehension skills whilst reading at home:

- Encourage them to summarise what has happened so far and retell the story in the correct order.
- Explain unfamiliar words to them.
- Part way through the story; ask them to predict what might happen next, or what might happen at the end of the story.
- Frequently ask them questions about what is happening in the story, such as "I wonder why that girl did that?" or "How do you think he felt? Why?"

Topic



Our topic this term is 'Time Travellers' which focuses on history. We will be stepping back in time to become history detectives. We will be learning how to create a timeline, finding out about events that are important to us, learn about important events that have happened in our area and exploring global historical events, such as the first moon landing.

Science



In Science this term our first topic is 'Materials and their uses'. During this topic we will be investigating common materials such as plastic, wood, metal, glass, rock and cardboard. We will be identifying what they are used for and seeing if we can change the shape of the solid objects by twisting, squashing or stretching. After half term we will then start our next topic, 'Plants'. We will be observing and describing how seeds and bulbs grow into plants and investigating how water, light and temperature affect the health of a plant.

R.E.



In R.E. we are learning about stories Jesus told and how he taught through stories. We will be reading some of the parables, thinking about the characters in the stories and finding the hidden message. We will then look at the Easter story and think about different Easter customs.

General News



P.E & Clothing

Our P.E day will be on Wednesday until Easter, we have an external coach from Link for life in to teach key skills.

Please make sure all children's clothing is clearly labelled, including shoes, jumpers and their P.E kit to avoid loss. Can we also take this opportunity to remind you that **only** school PE bags are allowed and these can be purchased from the school office for £5.00.

Attendance and punctuality

It is important that children attend school on time every day. Doors open at 8.45am and registers are taken at 8.55am. If everyone is here on time we will win Paddy Parish for the week and the class with the best punctuality wins Penny Parish for the week. Please help us to win the teddies by coming to school every day and arriving on time. Thank you.

Mrs Dennis, Miss Gralton