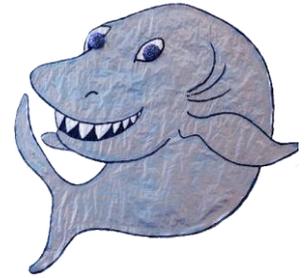




# Year 2

## Weekly News



Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017

### Look what we've been doing!

Year 2 have been extremely busy again this week. We really are working the children very hard! Our money work has continued this week and the children have started comparing amounts of money, finding the total of 2 amounts and moved on to the concept of giving change. The children are going to be making their own penguin money boxes, so start saving your change!

Our focus on using a joined handwriting script is showing positive results. We have revised the correct letter formation for all of the lowercase letters and many children are using the lead-in strokes or a joined script. We are pleased with the improvement of the presentation of their work.

We have concentrated on reading comprehension this week. The children have read and answered questions about Scott of the Antarctic and igloos. They have been highlighting and retrieving information from the text to answer questions from the text orally and in full written sentences.

In Gymnastics, the children explored balances by pretending to be penguins and polar bears. They used large and small body parts (tummies, back, hands and feet) to create a range of balances. They also created partner balances and even managed to make large group balances.

Another religious festival celebrated in Britain is coming up on 30<sup>th</sup> November, so this week in RE the children have been learning about St. Andrew, the patron Saint of Scotland and why he was so special to other Christians.

Preparation for our Christmas play is underway. The children have all been getting into the Christmas spirit and we are very impressed with how well they know all the songs already! We also let the children discuss which parts they would be keen to try out for and held very informal auditions. The Year 2 team have now got some very tricky decisions to make, as every child did very well!

### Home learning

This week, we would like you to empty your pockets and money boxes around the house to allow the children to practice counting real money. They don't have to keep it! If you are up for a real challenge, find an opportunity for your children to go shopping and apply their skills!



### Reminders and messages

Thank you for the amazing support Sharks class received this week for their class assembly. We were really proud of them and know that they appreciated your presence.

We have been overwhelmed by the amazing sledges that have come into school. The children loved showing them to their classmates.

Thank you for all the plastic bottles you have bought in. We now have plenty and look forward to turning them into penguins. We also look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Monday morning to make Christmas decorations!

Have a lovely weekend.

**Mrs Wilson, Miss Wright & Miss Springall**