

Hello Year 2 Families,

I can not believe that 2 weeks have already flown by! Everyone (children and adults) have started to settle into the daily routine of our Year 2 class, and I could not be more proud of everyone's efforts if I tried.

This week we have started to build on our phonic knowledge looking at the split digraphs a-e and i-e. To help really consolidate the children's learning, I will try to replicate our phonic learning in class in our weekly spellings. Our first spelling test is this Monday. Whereas spellings are important to learn, it is a fine balance between pushing too far and not having realistic expectations of achievement. Each child and home situation will be different and we appreciate this fully in class. Learning how to study is an important skill to learn but we want it to be a positive experience, so we will trust families to adapt their home learning as necessary. Little and often is a good mantra! Reading books have come home and the timetable for when they need to come back to school. Please write a response in the Reading Diary, as it is very informative for us and the children love to see them and discuss them with us too.

In our writing we have written about the feelings of the characters from the story, The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch and we answered questions about the story that encouraged us to think about why and how, rather than the more typical, closed questions.

We have been outdoors quite a bit, using our senses to experience the school grounds and in maths we were estimating the lengths of different outside objects in meters. In maths we also looked at number bonds to 5, 10 and 20 and the children were quite confident when using their fingers to help.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> PE lesson this week was a big success. We are dancing in our 'Move it Monday' sessions and this week we danced to BBC Let's Move - Under the Sea. Everyone listened so well and took part with great enthusiasm. We also got the chance to express ourselves in our art work, where we looked at the work of artists who had taken inspiration from the sea. We then created our own Sea art work. In music we listened to some different types of sea music. Everyone was a fan of the traditional Sea shanties.

I feel very proud of everyone and the efforts they are putting in and look forward to seeing the progress and achievements we make throughout the coming weeks. We will see you all ready and raring on Monday morning. Happy weekend everyone. ♥

Many thanks,

Mrs Howard & Mrs Bowen.

