

# Year 2 Newsletter

## February - April 2014

Please ensure that all P.E. kits are kept in school during term time. Year 2 usually has PE on Monday and Thursday afternoons.

### Reading

Regular reading at home with your child is very important, even when they are reading fluently. Understanding of the story and reading comprehension are a vital part of reading. Please sign your child's reading record each time you have listened to them read and ask them questions based on what they have read - ie: why do you think the character acted that way? What might happen next?

### Mental Maths

Please continue to practice the 2, 5 and 10 times tables so that you know them off by heart. If you wish to extend your child's learning then you could practice the 3, 4 and 6 times tables.

Please continue to practice number bonds (adds & takes) to 20 as knowing these will make maths easier!

Children should be able to know what 1 less/1 more is than any given number up to 100, regular counting forwards and backwards and random testing of this really will benefit their numeracy skills.

Continue to learn what 10 more/10 less than and number is (and encourage learning what 20, 30, 40 more/less is if your child needs extended in their learning) as this will make maths easier also. Partitioning - Children need to be able to state how many Tens or Units are in any given number.

### Half Term Topics

Science - Plants and Animals

Geography - Looking at Islands

PE - Country Dancing

Art - Animal Prints

ICT - Using a floor turtle

PSHE - Making decisions, knowing right from wrong and being kind to others.

### Gymnastics

Well done to everyone who took part in the gymnastics competition, everyone tried their best and was rewarded with a certificate.

Well done also to the team of 6 who represented the class at St. Benedict's school and came second in the large school category.

### Homework

Well done for the continued effort that has been put into completing homework so far this year, it has been fantastic! Completing homework really does make a difference to how well children achieve in class. It will continue to be set every Monday and returned on the following Monday.