



Year 2 Newsletter, Spring, Term 3 2018

Happy New Year to everybody! A big thank you for all your kind Christmas gifts - many of which have now been consumed! This term our learning is based around the topic of **Brr, it's cold!** We will be looking at the Polar Regions and weather patterns. The story book that we will be using is **Penguin Small** by Mick Inkpen. This term our class reader is called, **Bill's new Frock** by Anne Fine. I hope that the children enjoy reading this book as much as they obviously did with **The Guard Dog!** Again, we will have a quiz near to the end of term.

Dates to remember ...

Thursday January 4th	Brr, it's cold! Wow day! Come dressed as a penguin.
Monday January 8th	Curriculum Day
Friday January 12th	Samba Drumming 11.00 - 12.00
Monday January 15th	Visit to Peterborough Cathedral - Sculpting Symbols
Friday January 26th	Community Worship in Church 9.05 am.
Monday February 5th	Curriculum Day

Listed below are four links for the times 2, 3, 5 and 10s tables. These are ones that we use in class and the children enjoy! If you are able to encourage a bit more practice at home using them or similar ones (lots available on the internet) then that would be great.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kWcrmsDRmQw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HKOpFBXmxhY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k14Mt4pgRNA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hjkbujdkrw4>

They come under the title of, The Times Table Adventure Game.

Please also remember that when completing the homework, if your child wants to use another method such as tens and ones pictures or use physical items such as 10ps and 1ps to help with their calculating then this is perfectly acceptable. Remember that maths is not just about getting the answer but how the answer has been arrived at. Children learn in many different styles so it is ok for them to choose their preferred strategy.

A new Spelling Bee will be issued and tested at the end of Term 4.

Here's to another enjoyable and productive term!