



## Dear Parents and Carers 31.01.22

Welcome to another exciting week in year two!

Outdoor Learning lessons will continue this week, lead by Miss Matusiak. Mulberry class will be going on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. Dewberry class will have their lessons on Friday afternoons. Please ensure that your child's kit is in the academy for the rest of the term. Please let us know if there are any problems with this.

Reading is the key to all learning! This week is National Storytelling Week (30 January - 6 February 2022). We will be celebrating in class by sharing a wide range of stories, poems and rhymes.

Friday 4th February is Number Day! On this day, the whole academy will be embracing maths for the whole day and the children will be taking part in a range of maths challenges and investigations. To make this day even better, we are inviting everyone to dress up following a maths theme. It can be as simple as a spotty t-shirt (count the dots) or a t-shirt that is decorated with a range of maths learning e.g. shapes. We look forward to seeing your fantastic outfits!

Parent Consultation Meetings will be held virtually next week via Microsoft Teams. You can sign up for appointments on Monday 7th February and Tuesday 8th February.

### English

In English this week, the children will be using their research to write a fact file all about their chosen animal. The children will be using headings, subheadings and paragraphs to organise their information.

The children will continue to develop their knowledge and understanding of how conjunctions can be used to extend sentences.

### Maths

In Maths this week, the children are going to begin to develop their understanding of fractions. We will introduce this concept by describing fractions as being an equal part of a whole. The children will explore the value of a half compared to a whole.

To support their understanding of this, there are fraction games on purple mash and we have set the following activities on Mathletics for your child to complete if you wish.

- Are you ready?
- Shade Fractions

### Science

Our science topic this term is 'Everyday Materials'. This week, we will continue to explore and investigate a variety of materials and their properties using the correct scientific vocabulary.



### Wider Curriculum

This week in our history lessons, the children will continue to consider the answer to the question 'what makes a great explorer?'

The children will be learning about Helen Sharman, the first British astronaut to travel into space.



In our Sounds Write lessons this week, we will be continuing to explore the different spellings for the 'j' sound (j / g / ge / dge)

It would be great if your child could practise reading and writing the following words based on our phonics this week.

**badge, gem, hedge, jam, jumper, bulge, giant, hinge, nudge, fridge**

Can your child think of other words with this sound? Can they identify the correct spelling?