



# Year Two Newsletter



## Happy New Year!

We hope your family had a lovely Christmas break and your child is ready for some more exciting learning this term!

### Times Table Rock stars

Well done to all of the children that are regularly logging on to Times Table Rockstars. The children are having lots of fun playing the games and using the coins they collect to buy new outfits and accessories for their rock stars. Remember every week in assembly we will be giving out a certificate to the highest earner and most improved rock star as well as those who have earned a rock star title!

Quick reminder

Garage game– questions set by the teacher

Studio game– all times tables up to 12 x 12. Answer as many as they can in the time to set their speed. The program will average their speed once they have played 10 games. If they do not know an answer your child can enter 0 and learn this another time. You can view which times tables your child does not know by looking at their 'Stats' under 'My Rockstar'.

Arena game– children can play with other children in their class if they are logged in at the same time.



### Dates for the diary

Monday 15th January– Animals in Hands in school.

Thursday 18th January - School nurse drop in 10.00 am – 12.00 noon.

Thursday 18th January - Year Two Maths workshop in Classrooms

Monday 29th January - Health Week. Life Bus will be visiting school and all classes will attend.

Thursday 1st February - School nurse drop in 9.00am - 11.00 am.

Wednesday 14th February - Open Afternoon 3.10 pm - 5.00 pm

### A BIG thank you!

A big thank you for all of your cards and gifts that you gave the teachers at Christmas time. Also for your generous donations following the ISingPop performance and for Christmas Jumper Day. It is really important for us to support local charities and the £270.22 raised was greatly received by The Project.



## Open Evening

Open Evening this half term is on Wednesday 14th February from 3.10 - 5.00 pm. We would love to see everyone there. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to find out how your child is progressing at school and to share their wonderful work. During open evening Mrs Taylor will be in the community rooms should you wish to discuss anything with her. Mr Carr and myself (Mrs Byng) will be in the meeting room asking your opinions on homework and how we can move forward as a school with this.

# Extreme Environments

This half term our topic focus is extreme environments. This topic will run over the whole of spring as the children will be focusing on hot extreme environments such as the desert and cold extreme environments such as the Arctic and learning where hot and cold countries are located on a globe in relation to the equator.

In English the children will be writing short narratives, poems and short non fiction texts. Within their writing the children will be focusing on contracted forms, for example writing haven't instead of have not, using coordinating conjunctions to join clauses (and, but, for, nor, or, so and yet) and making sure that they spell the common exception words correctly. These are listed in the box below if you would like to support your child with spelling these.

In Maths the children will be learning how to solve problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. You can support your child with this at home by practising their 2, 5 and 10 times table. We will also be teaching the children how to read and write numbers to 100 in words and numerals.

In Geography the children will be naming and locating the seven continents and five oceans. They will be naming and locating hot and cold countries and comparing the physical differences. The children will also be producing some artwork using a range of techniques and



### **Make the most of your child's education—bring her/him to school on time EVERY DAY on time.**

Children with poor attendance make slower progress. Attendance below 96% is a cause for concern and needs improvement. Children with attendance below 90% are regarded as persistent absentees.

If a child is taken out of school without the HeadTeacher's authorisation, it will be recorded as unauthorised absence. This may lead to the issuing of a penalty notice and legal action being taken. The court can fine each parent up to £1,000 per child, order payment of the prosecution costs and/or make a Parenting Order. Please note that penalties and prosecutions are in respect of each parent for each child.

**At a recent court hearing for unauthorised absence Magistrates imposed a fine of £220, costs of £125 and a victim surcharge of £30; a total of £375 for each parent of a pupil at Holly Hill School.**