

# Year Two Newsletter

Our driving questions are: *How would life be similar and different if we grew up in Chembakoli, India? And 'How could we, as artists, create a masterpiece inspired by Kandinsky to be enjoyed by others in an art gallery?*

## Achievements from Term 1

Year 2 have come back to school engaged and enthused about their learning. Some highlights from this term include; making a marmalade sandwich for Paddington to teach us about the importance of instructions, discovering which minibeasts live in our school environment and learning all about Elizabeth II and Charles III.



## Literacy

To start the term we will look at the book 'Fantastic Mr Fox'. We will investigate the book, understanding how the author captures the reader's attention and inferring how characters are feeling in the story. Moving on from this, the children will then be learning a wishing story, based on 'The Snowman' by Raymond Briggs. They will create story maps and use actions to help them remember the order. We will then look at how to make our writing interesting to read with lots of effective description, using adjectives, for example: frozen, cold, icy, and story openers such as 'On a cold winter's night' and 'One frosty morning'.

**Ideas for at home:** *Can you have a go at telling someone at home 'The Snowman' story?*

## Numeracy

This term we will be looking at mental and written methods for adding and subtracting any two digit number e.g.  $34 + 45$ ,  $43 - 22$ .

$$\begin{array}{r} 34 \\ + 45 \\ \hline 79 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 43 \\ - 22 \\ \hline 21 \end{array}$$

Following on from this, we will be looking at shape.

**Ideas for at home:** *Can you learn your ten, two- and five-times table? You might even learn your 3s and 4s?*

Have a try on this exciting times tables activity - <https://www.timestables.co.uk/>. You can also use Times Table Rockstar App - login details in your child's homework book!

The children have two PE sessions a week. In PE we will be looking at tennis skills focusing on how to use a racket and ball. We will also be continuing to look at ball skills and applying these in games and being able to follow rules.

Redwood and Maple class have PE lessons on Wednesday and Friday. We do our best to stick to these days but sometimes they have to change at the last minute. To help us out, please could your child's PE kit be in school all week. At the moment, all lessons are outside so please ensure your child has black tracksuit trousers and a black plain jumper especially as the weather gets colder.

*PE kit should be a white t-shirt, black coloured shorts, black tracksuit trousers, black jumper and trainers or plimsolls. Make sure all their kit is labelled clearly and is kept in a named bag in a box. There will be a lost property basket in the cloakroom*

### Creative Curriculum

We will be learning all about India and the village of Chembakoli. We will be finding out all about where India is in the world and where the village of Chembakoli is. We will be discovering how life in Chembakoli is similar and different to life for a child in Banbury.

In Science, we will be looking at different materials, their properties and their uses.

In Art this term, we will be looking at different artists: Kandinsky, Klimt, Monet and Bush and we will study the style of art work from these artists and even try and replicate some of their work. We will also be looking at some Indian art linked to Rangoli patterns and henna designs. At the end of the term, we will be having our own art gallery with the work that we have produced.

### E-Safety

This term we will be looking at apps and games - recognising which are age appropriate and recognising what information is safe to put online and what is not. We will also discuss how we can keep personal information safe when using the internet.

### Reminders and dates

Monday 30th October - children back to school after half term.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Celebration assembly at 9am

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - Winter Ball 3:15-4:15

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November- INSET Day (school closed for all pupils)

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - KS1 Carol concert 9am

Here is a copy of our class text for this term.

#### Wishing story - The Snowman

One cold but bright morning a small boy called James jumped out of bed. He rushed to the window, peeped outside and saw giant snowflakes floating down onto the garden below. Excitedly, James rushed outside. He decided to build the best snowman he could! He used some pebbles for its eyes and a carrot for its nose. Finally, he closed his eyes tightly and made a wish before heading back inside.

Later that day, James crept upstairs to bed sleepily. In the middle of the night James woke suddenly. He climbed out of bed, went to the window and looked outside to see if his snowman was there. He was so surprised. The snowman's head was moving... IT WAS ALIVE! James let the snowman into his big house. The cheeky snowman put Dad's clothes on! James saw that the snowman was starting to melt. "I know" said James "Let's go outside." The snowman grabbed James's hand, jumped up and they started to fly.

They flew over mountains and fields. James felt like a bird soaring through the sky and he enjoyed the journey. They flew over towns full of lights and fields full of sleeping animals. Soon it was over and they landed gently back in the garden.

James gave the snowman a hug and waved goodbye as he went back inside his house. James got back into bed. When it was nearly morning, he jumped out of bed, ran downstairs and pushed the door... but sadly, the snowman had melted.