



# Year 2 Newsletter - January

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Remember to check our class webpage for information and updates!

## A New Year and a New Term!

Welcome back to a new term, we hope that you have had a wonderful time celebrating Christmas with your families and friends. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for the kind gifts and cards that we received at the end of last term. They are all very much appreciated. Thanks also to those who came in to school to support our Christmas craft days which were a great success.

## Our topic for this half term is Going on Safari!

Through this topic the children will learn about the continent of Africa, with a focus on the country of Kenya. We will find out about the lives of people living in Kenya, Kenyan geography, food, climate and culture. We will produce information leaflets using the new Linx tablets that have been recently purchased to enhance learning in Year 2, as well as tasting food and creating artwork including African masks and jewellery.

## Trainee Teacher in Year 2

This term Year 2 will be very fortunate to have another teacher in the classroom supporting the children with their learning. Mrs Case has had a number of visit days before Christmas which will continue twice a week until she begins her placement on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. This is a fantastic opportunity as it will allow me to focus more time with smaller groups of children to support and challenge their learning in particular areas in the lead up to the End of Key Stage National Assessments which will be administered in May.

## Reading and Homework

The children's reading book will continued to be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Just a reminder that if your child has finished their current book this must be recorded in their reading record to ensure the book is changed. Understanding what we are reading is the main focus in Year 2 so please do use the questions provided in the front and back of our reading scheme books to support your child with this. Spellings and handwriting homework will continue throughout this term as well as a short task with a focus on reading comprehension, maths or grammar and punctuation in the lead up to the End of Key Stage National Assessment to help familiarise the children with the presentation of the assessment questions and tasks.

## Furness Voices

The children in Year 2 will be taking part in the Cumbria Music Hub Furness Voices concert at the Forum on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February. The children will be singing songs from 'Myro the Musical'. This will be a ticketed performance. I will provide further information about ticket sales soon.

## PE and Swimming Lessons

Our PE lesson will take place on a Tuesday afternoon and the children will go swimming on Wednesday afternoons each week. The children must have the correct PE kit in school, long hair must be tied back and jewellery must not be worn on these days. If any parents are available to join us on Wednesday afternoons please let me know.

Reminder: A contribution of £20 towards the cost of the swimming lessons and transport is due.

Many thanks for your support,  
Mrs Page and Mrs Hartley