



Year 2 Newsletter – Spring 2016.



Dear parents and carers,

This term our topic is Myths and Legends. For the first half term our focus will be on dragons and we are starting with our enquiry question: Are Dragons Real? The children will carry out a series of 'quests' set by Sir Learn-a-Lot, our friendly knight. They will begin by learning to use maps and atlases to locate places around the world. To do this we will learn to use alphabetical texts so if you have any dictionaries or non-fiction books at home with an index, you can practise this. They will learn about a few places famous for dragons and our geography will focus on comparing and contrasting our part of the world with Indonesia. We hope to run an 'Indonesia Day' on Thursday 21st January where the children will learn about the art technique, batik, try some food and enjoy some traditional stories.

This links nicely in with our Science which is all about animal habitats. We are visiting Exmoor Zoo on January 28th (more information to follow).

On February 8th we have a very special story teller coming in to teach the children all about the dragon stories of China.

Our main texts are all about dragons and we are starting with the beautiful Tell Me a Dragon by Jackie Morris.

Our focus in PE is gymnastics but we are also doing some work on jumping with lessons planned by a professional netball coach.

In music the children are learning to use xylophones.

Our focus in Maths for the next few weeks is subtraction. Please practise counting backwards in steps of 1, 2, 5 and 10. It would also be helpful to start collecting all those pennies, 2ps and 5ps you have spare and asking the children to count them and practise making totals with them.

After half term, we will focus more on castles and are planning a visit to Dunster Castle in March. We hope to build some castles, learn about the history of castles and then link this with a knights and princesses just before the end of term.

The children will be taking their SATs tests in May. There is now information on our website about you can support you child with spelling (see 'parents' link).

We would also like to ask for your support in ensuring child completes their weekly reading follow-up task which is set each week by the teachers. This is great preparation for the reading SATs test.

We have a parents evening planned for 3rd February where we will update you on your child's progress. If you have any worries or questions in the meantime, please pop in and see us and we will arrange a time to meet you.

Thanks for your continued support, Mrs Ruddick and Miss Roberts.