

# Year 2's Newsletter

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Hi everyone! We hope you had a wonderful rest over the holidays and are ready for the new school year. We are looking forward to getting stuck in with our learning and getting to know all of you. We have really enjoyed sharing our new topic homework with one another. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us!



Our new history topic is all about the Victorians and comparing what life was like in the past to now. We will look at historical figures such as Queen Victoria and Sarah Forbes Bonetta.



## English & Maths

Our new class book is *Before She Was Harriet* by Lesa Cline-Ransome. We are using the story to learn about Harriet Tubman and Slavery.



### Key learning in English:

- To understand the features of a diary entry including writing in the first person.
- To create a 'missing poster' for a character using expanded noun phrases to describe them in detail.

In maths, we are looking at place value, addition and subtraction. We will use our previous learning from Year 1 to support our learning as well as using a range of practical methods.

### Key learning in maths:

- To solve problems with addition using concrete objects and pictorial representations, including those involving numbers, quantities and measures.
- To understand how to add two digit numbers and tens.

### Computing

This term, children will learning about the different devices they can use and how we can use them safely.

Please remember children have logins for the following sites to help with their learning: Numbots, Times Table Rock Stars, Mathletics and Oxford Owl.

Children can use these sites independently to practise their maths and reading skills. Please let us know if you do not have a login.

Please try to listen to your child read for 10 minutes most nights. Record and sign their reading diary and they can get a new book the next day. Try making reading a special time when they are not too tired, and able to relax and enjoy the activity. Ask questions to check their understanding as they read, eg. "How is that character feeling? Why?" "What have you learnt from this book?"



### Homework

**Tuesday** - Reading comprehension will be handed out and due in the following Monday.

**Tuesday** - Mathletics homework set.

**Every day** - Reading (recorded in reading diary, reading sticker given for 3 reads or more at home).

**Holiday Homework** - shared every half term.

**Monday** - Swimming (please bring labelled swimming kit to school)

**Thursday** - Mile run (please bring trainers to school in bag)

**Friday** - P.E Day (children to come to school in P.E kit)

Please ensure a red top is worn for PE.