



# Year 2 Newsletter

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## Topic

Last week we welcomed the poet Kate Williams into Year 2. The children had a great time and have written some lovely poems on the topic of Autumn Leaves. Here is Isobel's poem:

The golden leaves go swirling and twirling  
Through the bright sky.  
The crispy leaves go swooping up and down out of your reach,  
Through the misty and foggy sky.  
They are as colourful as beautiful crystals.

In our topic work we have been learning about different habitats and will be looking at the different animals that live there. This week we are learning about food chains and looking at different animals and their babies, using the Julia Donaldson book 'Monkey Puzzle'.

## Harvest Festival

As you know, this year we are once again collecting on behalf of the Portsmouth Food Bank. This year the Food Bank has asked us to be a 'champion' for certain items that they always run short of throughout the year. **So we have been asked to collect tea bags, instant coffee, UHT milk or powdered milk.** Last year we had a tremendous response from parents. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. Please give your donations to your child's class teacher and hopefully we will yet again be able to donate a generous amount.

## Lacey Library

Just to remind you that Year 2 will be visiting the Lacey library on Monday afternoons in rotation. If you are available to help walk the children to the library, your help would be appreciated, please let your child's class teacher know.

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> November
Class 9	Class 7	Class 8

## Dress Up Day

A reminder that we are having a dress-up day on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October when we will be coming to school dressed as one of our sporting heroes.

## Trip to Fort Nelson

You will have received the letter about our school trip in January, please make sure the forms and monies are returned to school by **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October** if you have not done so already.

## Year 2 SATs

You will be aware that at the end of Year 2 children complete national assessments. While it is always important that children do not miss school, it is of the utmost importance that they don't have unnecessary time off in the lead up to and during the two weeks that the assessments will take place. This school year the assessments will be taking place during the weeks beginning 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

## Phonics Assessment

If your child did not make the expected level in the phonics assessment that took place at the end of Year 1, they will need to complete the assessment again at the end of Year 2. Again it is of the utmost importance that they don't have unnecessary time off in the lead up to and during the assessment week, which will take place during the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

As always please don't hesitate to ask about anything you're unsure of.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 2 Team