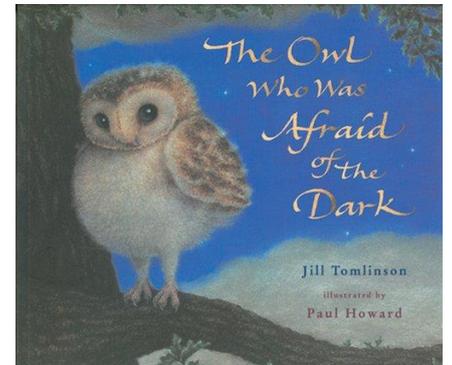


YEAR 2 END OF AUTUMN 1 TERM UPDATE

It's been an amazing start to the year for the children. They have really impressed me with their attitude to their learning and the great behavior we have around school.

For **English** this half term, we've used the book called "The Owl who Was Afraid of the Dark". We've learnt some new sentence types and the children have done really well adding these to their writing. I was literally blown away by the amount the children wrote and the excitement they had when they were producing it.

For **Reading** I am starting to get more children record their own thoughts in the reading diaries. I give stickers out each Friday for those children who have written at least 3 comments in for themselves after they have read with you at home.



For **maths** we have focussed on Place Value and have started to look at addition and subtraction. In year 2 it is so important they understand place value. We use base 10 equipment (shown on the left) and Rekenreks.

We will be starting times tables rock stars after half term where they can begin to develop place value into knowing their 10x times and their number facts to be able to do the 2 x table..



PE has been netball and football in this half term. Continuing on from the success of the Lionesses, sporting influence have kept some excitement for the game going.

Forest School is the highlight of most peoples week. They have been so active doing a vast range of activities and have all loved making the food so much, they never save any for me! As you will have seen – it's all weather so do try to send all the kit that they will need for the morning.

In **ICT** we've been looking at how information technology is used around us and how school connects devices together so we can communicate with each other and the world around us.

RE has been taught by Mrs Sykes and they have been learning about what different religions say about caring for each other and the world. They spent one of their sessions making a Sukkah that is used in the Jewish festival Sukkot.

For **Geography** we have been learning about map skills and finding directions using grids and compass points. The weather has scuppered our plan for the local walk but that will happen and the children are looking forward to creating their own trail around Boroughbridge.

Music is delivered in 3 parts. We sing and play instruments and spend time finding the pulse and exploring rhythm. It has been lovely to focus on the other side of music which is appraising music. The music this unit has had a South African focus with gospel, pop and township music. The children love getting out the glockenspiels and are keeping the beats in the music well.

Watch out for spellings and knowledge mats in the first week of the next half term. It will be a busy one with a trip to Rural Arts and the feature presentation of our nativity.