

# Year 2 Newsletter

December 2017



## Christmas tree decorations!

In the few days that the children have returned to school this week, we have already been busy with our next project of sewing our own Christmas tree hanging decorations! We have begun by learning how to do a running stitch and then the children will be designing and making their own decoration.

## Parental Engagement - Thank you!

A big thank you to all the parents / carers that were able to attend our Parental Engagement session on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

The children were so pleased that you could join us in making some traditional Christmas decorations. They have been on display in our classrooms and corridors, making our school look fabulously festive!

## MOE

The children have been helping Mrs Bolden at Forge Mill Needle Museum with some historical information. They have been working as historians this half term enquiring about the famous nurses Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell. They have asked some thoughtful questions and used their knowledge from stories, information pages and pictures to learn about their lives. Fantastic work Year 2!

## Merry Christmas Everyone!

*The Year 2 staff would like to take this opportunity to thank all the children for their hard work this term. May we also thank parers/carers for your continued support with your child's learning. We hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas holiday and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year!*

*A reminder that school re opens to the children on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018.*

## How to support at home

We will be sending home a letter formation sheet that shows you our school handwriting style. Your child may wish to practise their handwriting over the Christmas break.

Our topic next half term will be 'Ocean Commotion'. Here are some things your child can do to help get them ready:

### Places to go

National Sea Life Centre in Birmingham

### Websites to explore

Watch a video clip about continents and oceans [http://www.watchknowlearn.org/Vid\\_eo.aspx?VideoID=26245&CategoryID=5893](http://www.watchknowlearn.org/Vid_eo.aspx?VideoID=26245&CategoryID=5893)

Explore an ocean habitat

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/zsfkd2p#zvwtdgm>

Find out facts about oceans and join in with the ocean song

<http://easyscienceforkids.com/all-about-the-oceans-of-the-world/>

### Things to make

Paint a picture of ocean animals

Make a model of a globe or an ocean animal

Produce a fact page about oceans

## E-safety

We have been learning that unkind behaviour online can affect other people, even though we can't see them. Please reinforce this message at home if your child is communicating online.

