

## Year 2

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was great to have an opportunity to speak to many of you this week and touch base about how your children have settled into Year 2. The highlight of the week was definitely the 'Seaside Journeys' workshop which took the children on an imaginary journey from today back through seascides in the 1970s, 1950s, 1940s and finally, the 1910s. They couldn't believe there was a time when people travelled in cars and coaches that didn't have seatbelts, satnavs and entertainment systems!

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### English

The children completed their recounts of the wordless book Flotsam and it was great to see them using such creative adjectives and similes to describe the journey that the camera took across the ocean to a tropical beach. The children then used these skills to write a recount of their Seaside Journey workshop.

### Maths

We have continued to focus on addition and subtraction and have been using the part, part whole strategy and practising writing the different calculations (e.g.  $13 + 4 = 17$ ,  $17 - 13 = 4$ ,  $17 = 4 + 13$ ,  $4 = 17 - 13$ ) including where the sum or difference is at the start before the = symbol.

### Foundation Subjects

In DT we have been focussing on building and completing our fabulous bathing machines. Next week, the children will have an opportunity to show all the knowledge they have gained about the history of seascides by producing a mind map about travel, clothes, entertainment and food in the past. They will then use these to write postcards from a Victorian seaside in the first person.

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### Notices & Reminders

- Reading books: From this week onwards, we are going to change books on Monday, Wednesday and Friday **only** to ensure that children have sufficient time to re-read their books and discuss them with you. Of course, we will adjust this when necessary to accommodate different holiday return days.
- **Reminder: we finish for the half term break at the normal time on Wednesday 21st October.**

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### Values Award

**Bracken** - Riley & Daniel; **Clover** - Layla & Zander; **Heather** - Sofia & Arthur

### Diamond Work Award

**Bracken** - Jack & Sophia; **Clover** - Elena & Evan; **Heather** - Ben & Adam

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