

Year 2



Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see that the children were so interested in the Remembrance celebrations and the reasons why they happen. They created some beautiful poppies and were very respectful during the two-minute silence on Wednesday. We also celebrated the eve of the festival of Diwali and we wish all families a happy and safe weekend.

English

The children started the week by writing fantastic descriptions about the beautiful arctic scenes that they created last Friday. We then moved on to thinking about how we could change different elements of a book to create new versions of the story. The children chose alternative animals and characters and drew plans in preparation for drafting their own stories. In Whole Class Reading we practised our reading and retrieval skills via another fiction text linked to the polar region - Poles Apart by Jeanne Willis.

Maths

We started multiplication by learning how to recognise equal and unequal groups practically. We then used different representations and drawings to show different groups and express them e.g. 4 equal groups of cakes in 5 boxes and as repeated addition e.g. $4 + 4 + 4 + 4 + 4 = 20$. Can you find any equal or unequal groups of objects in your home? We know cash is not used very often at the moment but if possible, please encourage your children to familiarise themselves with our national coins and their value.

Foundation Subjects

In geography we revised the names of the continents and oceans and explored the hot and cold parts of the world linked to the equator. To help them remember, the children created climate maps of the world in water colours. In science we used our knowledge of animal diets to find out about food chains starting with the energy that comes from the sun to plants and then the animals.

Notices & Reminders

We appreciate you keeping an eye on the weather and thank you for ensuring your children have lots of layers to wear when it's colder.

Values Award

Bracken - Max & Sophie; **Clover** - Montgomery & Maria H; **Heather** - Emily & Vivaan;

Diamond Work Award

Bracken - Oron & Riley; **Clover** - Mila & Zoya; **Heather** - Adam & Sophie
