



Year 2 Classroom News

Autumn Term 1 — October 2025

It has been a busy and exciting half term in Year Two. The children have settled very well into their new classes and should be feeling very proud of their achievements. Let's take a look at some of the learning that has taken place....

In **English** we have enjoyed the story of Meerkat Mail by Emily Gravett. Drawing on the book for inspiration, the children have been understanding what a **noun phrase** is and applying noun phrases to their writing as well as learning how to use **commas in a list**. They have **researched meerkats** and written a **meerkat factfile**—**Foxes** presented an informative **class assembly** on the very many facts gathered! Using their skills of **persuasion**, year two have written to Sonny and encouraged him to leave the Kalahari desert and visit us here at Nathaniel Newton!



Year Two have been **excellent mathematicians** this half term! With a focus on **place value**, the children have been:

Working with tens and ones practically and using pictorial representations

Using their knowledge of place value to compare numbers

Sequencing numbers in ascending and descending order

Reading and interpreting number-lines, paying careful attention to the start and end point of the numberline

Counting in multiples of 2, 5, 10 and 3

Using Topmarks to play fun learning games



In **Science** our topic has been **Animals and Humans**. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this topic. They have:

- Matched animals to their offspring
- Discovered that mammals give birth to live young while some creatures lay eggs
- Learnt the term gestation and compared gestation periods of different animals
- Ordered the life cycle of a butterfly and human
- Identified food groups and sorted foods correctly into the appropriate groups
- Gained an understanding of what an animal and human needs to survive

Antarctica and Asia

The children know the names of all seven continents and have learnt a really fun song to help them remember! They understand which is the largest continent and which is the smallest. With the help of a globe and a torch, we found out about the sun's rays being hottest near the equator as they are more tightly packed, hence the North and South Pole are much colder places. The children have looked at photographs and examined the clues that identify a hot or cold place. Following on from learning in Year One, they were able to use their prior knowledge of physical and human features to say whether key landmarks in the different continents were natural or manmade. Badgers performed a fabulous assembly and showcased some of their work on this topic—well done Badgers!



In **Art** this half term our focus has been on using watercolours in painting. We are building our skills as listed below in preparation for our final piece of artwork during multi-cultural week.

- Colour mixing
- Adding tints
- Creating light and dark shades
- Adding salt to create texture

Here are some photos of the children observing, sketching and painting....



In conclusion, what a super half term! We are impressed with how the children have settled into Year Two. We look forward with anticipation to the weeks ahead. Thank you for your continued support.

Wishing you a very happy half term!

The Year Two team