## Year 2 Newsletter 31

Dear Parent/Carers,

Our spellings for our quiz, a week on Monday, are:

happiness	silliness	kindness	brightness
butterfly	rainbow	football	sunflower

This week in English, we wrote our information texts about our chosen animals. The pupils chose to write about hedgehogs, tigers, sharks or foxes. Following the research lessons last week, everyone had to put their facts into paragraphs and pupils decided to write about the animal's appearance, diet and habitat. The information texts were extremely informative and were an excellent way to finish the pupils' learning on animals and their habitats – the trip to Tropical World definitely inspired our fabulous writers.

In Maths, we have been learning to tell the time on an analogue clock. This is a life skill that it is important for the children to begin to grasp with increasing confidence. By the end of Year 2, children are expected to be able to tell the time to quarter of an hour (o'clock, half past, quarter past, quarter to) but some children are ready for the challenge of telling time to 5 minutes. Please endeavour to drop this vital life skill in with your child as often as possible in your day to day activities, by looking at clocks and telling the time. We were pleased to see that some children have started wearing a watch to school this week, as this will help them a lot. Practice makes perfect!

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Well done to all of the children who were presented with a Great Learners certificate in our class assembly! They have shown, through their learning, the attributes that we celebrate at Woodhouse. Risk taking, hard work, communication, thinking, determination, teamwork and independence are all such important characteristics to develop!



With the sunny weather arriving, more children are needing to remove their jumpers and cardigans to cool down. Can we please ask that you check to see that your child's name is clearly labelled in their clothing, so that it helps when any items are misplaced. Thank you for your support with this.

School closes today for half term and we shall be back in on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. This is also the day that Self-Studies are due in and on the next page is reminder about these details.

## Have a great week! Mrs Collins, Mr Bale, Mrs Gooseman and the Year 2 Team



This year we are relaunching our '**Self-Studies**' in the hope of giving children both a chance to follow their own interests and to develop their speaking and listening skills. Each year group will have a study linked to their classroom learning which can then feed into their daily lessons.

For Year 2, we would like the children to create a self-study on **Animals and Their Habitats.** They could:

- Create a powerpoint, to present their ideas
- Write a factfile for their animal
- Design and/or create a habitat for their chosen animal
- Make a poster to do with their findings

Please encourage your child to research the topic using the internet and books and create a project based on something they find interesting regarding the topic. This presentation could be in the format of a model, some artwork, a video, a powerpoint, a poem or song, an information booklet or a full folder of information. Once the children have completed this study, they will have chance to present it to their class in school time and show off what they have produced.

Because we would like the children to put time and effort into this project, we are giving them 7 school weeks (plus 3 weeks in the holidays) to complete it. That will mean it is due in on the **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024** – leaving time for in class presentations to be completed afterwards.

We hope you are able to help them with their project and that this is a positive experience for all involved.