

Weekly Learning Letter

Date: Week ending 2nd February 2024

This week in Year 2:

What a busy week! We started the week making natural inks with the Institute of Imagination. All we needed were some kitchen scraps, a bit of science and imagination!

The children then performed the poem *Slow Down* by David Neita. It was fantastic to see the different ways in which the poem was performed using rhythm, tone and tempo.



Sarah's and Shona's classes visited Dulwich College to learn about the James Caird. This was the boat that Sir Ernest Shackleton used to cross the Southern Ocean. Thank you to all our parent helpers.

English:



In English we explored the poem *Slow Down* and thought about who the poet might have been talking to. The children decided how actions might enhance the words.

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YDloGh8sOYk>)

We also continued writing our own versions of *Ponko and the South Pole*, using drama and role play to help with our ideas.

Phonics / Spellings:

We will be focussing on these words which we sometimes make mistakes with:

- journey
- night
- light
- bright
- white

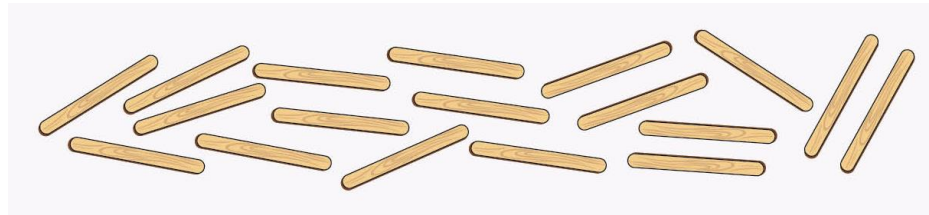
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Maths / Number:

We have been learning about shape and exploring the properties of 2-D shapes.

Try this maths investigation at home.

Gina has 18 lolly sticks



How many hexagons can she make?

How many octagons can she make?

Which other shapes could be made with 18 lolly sticks?

Reading:

Remember to read every night (someone can read to you, you can read, or you can take it in turns). Who is your favourite character? Are there any wondrous words for you to collect? You could try to use it in your own story.



Home learning ideas:

Take a look in your kitchen cupboard. Could you experiment with out-of-date spices? Add a little water to the powder and stir to create a mixture. See what happens when you add honey or baking soda.



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Forthcoming events / trips:

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Educational visit to Dulwich College

- **Tuesday 6th February 2024** – Kate's Class

Educational visit to Greenwich Maritime Museum

- **Friday 8th March 2024** – Shona's and Sarah's Class
- **Friday 22nd March 2024** – Kate's Class

School website: School website

Please do [visit our website](#), you can find details of forthcoming events on the [calendar](#) (& you can subscribe to your child/ren's year group so it will auto update your calendar), as well as photos of learning activities including educational visits in the [photo gallery](#), read all about recent events and sporting achievements in the [school news](#) section and much, much more!

Happy learning!

Kate, Sarah and Shona