



Term 2: Why are teddy bears so loved?



Welcome to Term 2 with the Koalas! We had such a wonderful term 1 and I am incredibly lucky to teach such a lovely bunch. I can't wait for this term – I know it will be one full of excitement.

Reminders:

- Forest school will continue to be on Tuesdays.
- PE will now be on Mondays only.
- Please can **all** items brought into school be **labelled!**

Key dates:

- 18th & 19th Nov** – Parents evening
- 30th Nov** – Christingle service
- 2nd Dec** – St Nicolas service
- 11th Dec** – Christmas dinner and jumper day
- 13th Dec** – Teddy bear's picnic
- 16th (pm) & 17th (am) Dec** – Year 1 and Year 2's nativity

Our topic will include...

English

Our special bears, storytelling, recount

Maths

Addition & subtraction to 10, Shape

Science

What are objects made from and what are their properties?

R.E

Why is Christmas important to Christians?

History

How have teddy bears changed? History of teddy bears and other toys.

DT

Making puppets, making healthy jelly and sandwiches.

ICT

Sorting and instructions

PE

Gymnastics

PSHE

Celebrating difference

Music

Nativity songs

Reading and Maths

Please try to read 5 times a week. It really does make a difference! When your child reads at home, please log it in their reading record so that they can receive a Dojo point. It also lets us know when your child has read their book 3 times and then we can change their books.

A new list of red words has also been sent home. Your child needs to be able to read **and** spell these words.

Occasionally, I will also be posting some maths games on Dojo. These are not compulsory, but I'm sure your child would love to play them!

I will continue to set the EdShed spellings on a Friday, as I am aware some of the Koalas enjoy practising over the weekend. Please note, the spellings for that week will not be taught until Monday, so please be mindful if your child does decide to play over the weekend. It really does support your child having access to practise their spellings at home.

Thank you for all of your support.



Teddy bear's picnic – 13th December

On the 13th December, we will be having our teddy bear's picnic. Your child will be able to come to school in their pyjamas (and dressing gowns!). We have an exciting day planned 😊 At 2:50, we invite you to come and share our jelly. You will then be asked to exit the classroom at 3:15, ready to collect your child from the playground at 3:25.

Hydration Station

You might have noticed your child returning home with stickers and receiving dojos for finishing their water bottle. After continuous verbal encouragement and drinking time– (as well as the freedom for your child to access their water bottle when they are thirsty), it was brought to my attention that some children were not drinking a satisfactory amount. We have introduced a new incentive to ensure your child is drinking when we ask them to. We will be keeping track each day on if your child finishes their water bottle. By Friday, if your child has got 5 ticks (a tick for each day with an empty bottle), they will receive a special 'big' sticker. Also, for each empty bottle they will receive a dojo point. We hope this incentive provides further encouragement for your child to drink when they are asked, as well as training the Koalas to drink an appropriate amount each day.