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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of our first half term, and what a half term it has been! There has been writing, reading, cooking, creating and much more that year 2 have really got themselves involved in, and they have shown passion and resilience in everything they have done.

We started the year with our whole school book focus of Flotsam. We found a basket containing lots of interesting items which inspired our creative and imaginative writing. What do you think lives under the sea?

We then moved onto looking at traditional tales, and different ways these have been rewritten and retold. Who really did tell the truth? The pigs or the wolves? Ask us and we will be able to give you our thoughts! We also retold these stories to year 1. This helped us to think about writing for our audience, and enhancing our reader's voice.

We were also inspired by Little Red and made our own flapjacks! We got very sticky and messy, but it was a very enjoyable process. We designed our flapjacks, made our flapjacks, and evaluated them. Maybe you could have a go at recreating these at home over half term. We made the most of the autumn leaves and our lovely grounds to collect natural materials to recreate work by Earth artist Andy Goldsworthy. This tested our skills of creativity, collaboration and artistry.



It has been lovely to really get to know our new year group and watch as everyone makes progress in all areas of our curriculum.

Just a couple of bits to make you aware of for next half term:

- As we head into the colder months, please ensure that children have their coats in school every day. Even if it feels mild in the morning, the rain does not always hold off all day!
- Please do ensure that children have their water bottles in school each day.
- Please name EVERYTHING that your child brings into school so that we are able to reunite them if they are separated.
- We will still be going outside for PE as it gets colder, so please do ensure that the children have warm clothes for these sessions.
- Don't forget that if you have any questions or worries please do either contact your child's class teacher, or email year2@billingshurstprimary.org.uk



We also introduced our new reading records at the start of the term. At school we are finding these very beneficial to see how much the children are reading, and also their reading diet. Please do continue to support with these at home, writing a comment when you read with your child.

We hope you have a safe, happy and relaxing half term, and look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 31st October, ready for the countdown to Christmas!

Best wishes,

The Year 2 Team

Mrs Cobden
Year 2 Lead

Mrs Steer
Greece

Mr Plymen
Spain

Miss Kosla
Italy



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