Week beginning 15th December 2014:

What a wonderfully festive Christmas week we've had in Year 2! It's been full of card and calendar making, parties, pantomimes, singalongs and a delicious Christmas dinner for everyone to share, courtesy of our brilliant kitchen staff - not to mention all the hard work we have still been doing in class... The children have all had a brilliant start to Year 2 and have made me very proud! I hope they all enjoy a well-earned break over the holidays. Here’s wishing them and all their families a very merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all in the new year!

Week beginning 8th December 2014:

What a busy, busy week! And an amazing performance by all the children in Year 1 and 2 in their Christmas production of 'Away in a Manger'. It was lovely to see so many parents and families there for the occasion and wonderful to see how much effort the children put in to their acting, singing and narrating. Maurice the Mule was an absolute star, and all his animal friends and the narrators were brilliant, too. Well done children!

Week beginning 1st December 2014:

The children had a brilliant time in their DT lesson on Monday, making healthy sandwiches. Then we had a wonderful picnic in the classroom! We have continued our preparations for our Christmas performance - the big day is nearly here and we are looking forward to seeing lots of parents and families in the audience on Wednesday afternoon. The children have really impressed Miss Wilton-Jones with the fabulous reports they wrote about Europe! Try asking them for some facts at home...

Week beginning 24th November 2014:

Year 2 have been looking at non-fiction books this week. They have loved finding out facts about many different subjects and asking lots of questions. It has also helped with their geography topic as they have found that non-fiction books can tell us about other countries and continents. In maths, we have been learning how to divide by sharing. The children were very good at letting Miss Wilton-Jones know when she wasn't sharing fairly! To top it all off, the preparations for our Christmas performance have been coming along really well. The children almost know their lines off by heart! Well done Year 2 and keep practicing ready for the big day!
**Week beginning 17th November 2014:**

The children have been doing their progress write about Little Red Riding Hood. They have had Mr Wright who have taught them about Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins. He also taught some of them their two times table and helped them with their five times table as well.

Mr (Isaac) Wright

We have had a wonderful Takeover Day today! Mr (Isaac) Wright was Year 2’s teacher for the day and he was absolutely brilliant in the role! He had a lovely rapport with the children and they loved all the learning they did with him. Supporting him for the day were Miss (Maliha) Rahman and Mr (Tomas) Sedlikovskis as his two teaching assistants, who kept everything running like clockwork. They worked with groups of children and wrote up evaluations in a very professional manner. We are all already looking forward to our next Takeover Day. Who will our teacher be then, I wonder?

Miss Wilton-Jones

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**Week beginning 10th November 2014:**

The children have had a lots of fun this week beginning their new topic in geography. They are learning to name the 7 continents and 5 oceans. They can already name quite a few and we have enjoyed playing matching games to help us remember. In ICT, the Bee-bots have been quite a hit! We've had a great time learning how to programme them to make them move where we wanted them to. In science, we have begun learning about life-cycles. The children have already told me about the stages in a chicken’s life and they remembered having chicks way back in Reception. This week we have looked at frogs and the children made some beautiful life-cycles to show the stages they go through.

*Can you name the different stages in a frog's life?*

**Week beginning 3rd November 2014:**

We liked our literacy this week because we have been acting out the story of *the Three Little Pigs*. It was funny when the wolf ate the pigs. The best bit was in the second book called *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* when the 3rd little pig was a bit rude to the wolf’s granny. It made us all giggle! The wolf wasn't really a baddie either but everyone thought that he was! In geography, we played a great game called Globetrotters and we enjoyed throwing the beanbags onto the continents and oceans.

Sophie, Ruby and Rihanna
**Week beginning 20th October 2014:**

We had a brilliant *Magic Week* in Year 2! In maths we made magical potions and learnt about capacity - the children had great fun mixing "inky slime" and "dragon's blood" (along with lots of other weird and wonderful ingredients) to make an invisibility potion. Our class book this week was *Through the Magic Mirror* by Anthony Browne. The children found the strange things that Toby saw when he went through the mirror absolutely hilarious and had great fun thinking up their own ideas for what he might see. I have enjoyed reading the magic mirror stories they wrote themselves! Our favourite day of the week had to be Friday, when we all learnt our own magic tricks and had a wonderful time teaching them to the parents who joined us for the afternoon. A lovely end to a packed half term!

**Week beginning 13th October 2014:**

Well, what a fabulous end to our week in Year 2! We'd been looking forward to the visit from reggae band Kwame D all half term and on Friday, the day of the gig was finally here! The children had all been practising *3 Little Birds* and were in fine voice. The band said they could hardly hear their own instruments over the children's fantastic singing! And they danced along to the music, too. Straight after the gig, Year 2 were treated to a workshop where they got to meet the band, ask them lots of questions and have some hands on experience of their instruments, too. Have a little look at some of the photos of our brilliant day.

**Week beginning 6th October 2014:**

The children finished writing their own stories about losing something this week. Miss Wilton-Jones was very impressed with them! In history, the children were also very excited to find out that the winner of "The Space Race" in 1969 was Neil Armstrong from the United States of America - well done all those children who found this out on their own during their research (and there were lots of you). There is only a week to go now until the reggae band come to visit us and we are all very excited! Can the children practice singing their reggae songs for you at home?
**Week beginning 29th September 2014:**

We've been doing *Dogger* Talk for Writing this week. Talk for Writing is where we do some actions for the story we've been learning and this helps us write our own stories. Mine is about a boy called Zak who loses his loom bands. Some of the actions are for connectives like but, so and because. We used these to make our writing more interesting when we wrote our stories. We really like thinking of our own actions to use when Miss Wilton-Jones teaches us the Talk for Writing.

Megan and Luke

**Week beginning 22nd September 2014:**

Our favourite thing this week has been our Spanish day when we learnt how to salsa dance. It was really fun because it was really fancy. The music was fast and we had to move our feet fast. When we went back to the classroom, we had some Spanish food to try. We thought of some brilliant adjectives to describe it. The sour cream was scrumptious and the salsa was spicy!

Billy and Callum

**Week beginning 15th September 2014:**

Another busy week for year 2! We've had a couple of treats this week. Year 1 came into our class during our literacy lesson on Thursday and impressed us with their very entertaining retelling of their class story *Little Bear Goes For a Walk* so we have decided to do the same for our story *Dogger*, and have already started work on our own brilliant story maps. Also, Year 5 and 6 had author, Jason Beresford, come in to visit and we were lucky enough to be invited into the assembly, where he read a chapter from one of his hilarious books. Perhaps the highlight of our week though, was our music lesson where Miss Jowitt brought in her own guitar and taught us some reggae songs. The children can already sing the first verse of *Three Little Birds*, by Bob Marley, beautifully!

*Do you know any other reggae songs?*
**Week beginning 8th September 2014:**

Year 2 have done lots more learning this week and have been working very hard! They particularly enjoyed our RE topic, where we were drawing pictures of things that are important to us. Our favourite lesson, however, was History because we are learning about the first "people" in space. We were surprised to find out that the first astronaut was actually a monkey, called Albert! The children are looking forward to finding out more about space and some have already been doing some research at home!

*Can they find out who was the first astronaut to land on the moon?*

**Week beginning 1st September 2014:**

Year 2 have had a lovely first week back at school. We've done lots of "Getting to know you" activities so the class could find out about each other and their new teacher! In Literacy, we wrote about our holidays and began work on stories with familiar settings. The class particularly enjoyed the stories of *Dogger* and *Olivia and the Missing Toy*. We worked on our number skills in Numeracy and the children loved our new game of "Odd and Even Popcorn". The children have enjoyed finding out about their new class artist, Claude Monet, who was an Impressionist. They have impressed me by already being able to talk about the differences between Realist and Impressionist paintings! We have also played parachute team building games in P.E. and enjoyed some well-deserved time in the sunshine on Friday during Choosing Time.