

Happy New Year!



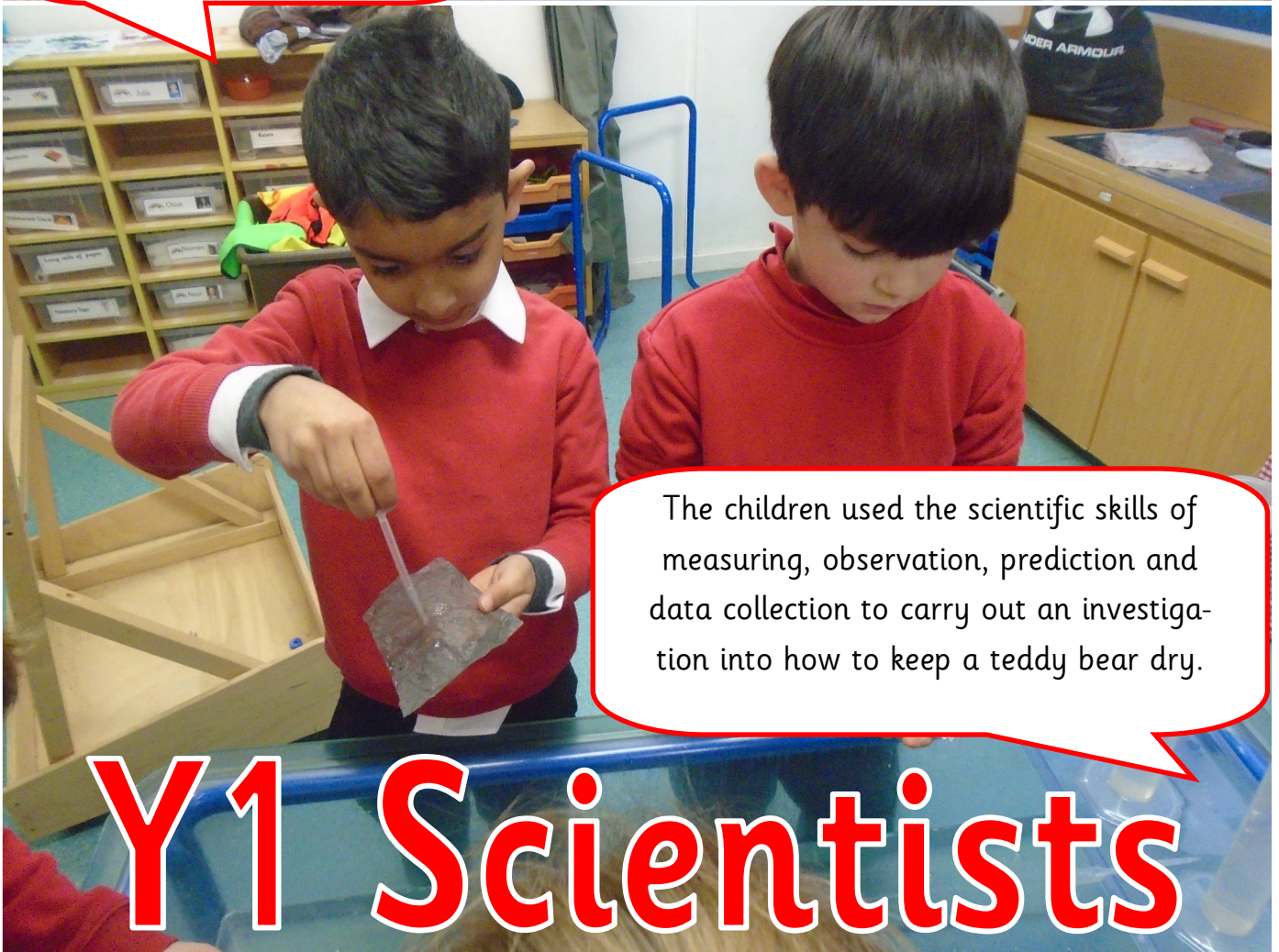
Welcome back to school, Everyone. We hope you had a fun-filled break and are looking forward to a successful 2025.

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Year One have been investigating the properties of materials, including whether they are waterproof.



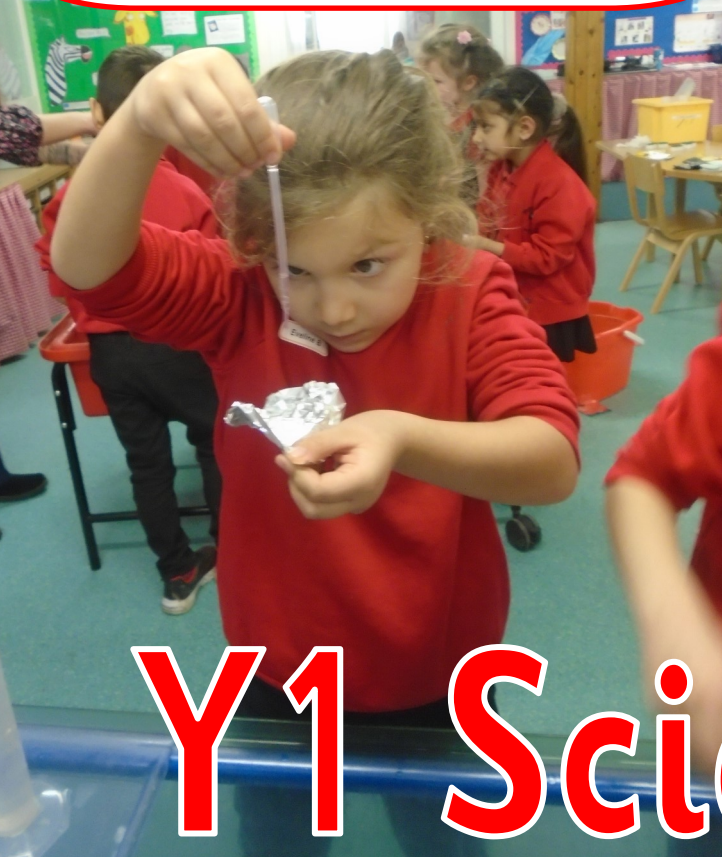
The children used the scientific skills of measuring, observation, prediction and data collection to carry out an investigation into how to keep a teddy bear dry.

Y1 Scientists



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They discovered that paper was not a good material for a teddy raincoat whereas other materials would keep the bear warm and dry!



Y1 Scientists

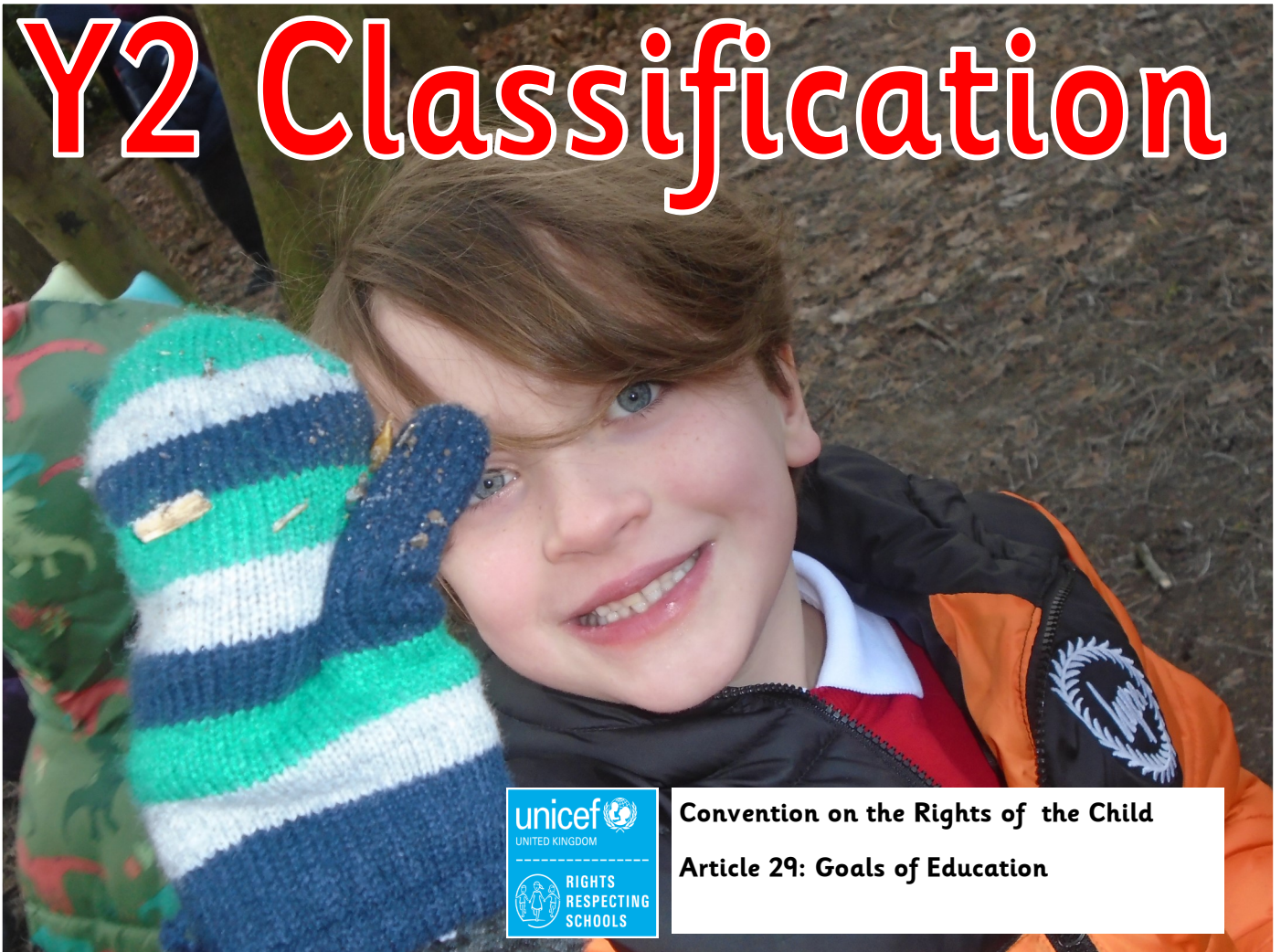


Year 2 kicked started their new topic Living Things and their Habitats by exploring Forest school to collect and classify things that are dead, alive, never been alive.

Y2 Classification



The children had fun finding worms, snails and beetles as well as leaves, stones and dead wood.



Y2 Classification



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Swimming Star

A huge well done to Iris who competed in a swimming competition last weekend. Iris was part of a relay team and they picked up the silver medal.

Iris swims six days a week at Newbold Comyn and is very proud that she has mastered all strokes, even butterfly which is very difficult. She says that swimming is important for safety reasons, health and fun—she will be at a club disco this weekend!



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OX5 RUN

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Hi, My name is Chloe and I have cystic Fibrosis and because of this I have to go to Oxford Childrens Hospital every 8 weeks. That's why I am running 5 miles in aid of Oxford Childrens Hospital.



As a thank you I am aiming to raise money for them to ensure they can continue supporting children and make hospital fun (Especially during admissions).

These funds help to keep the hospital school going so we don't fall behind on school work, provide beds for parents so we don't have to be on our own overnight and also buys toys and electronics for the wards so we're not bored.

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Online Safety

Thank you to Sienna in Y2 for requesting this newsletter article:

How to Stay Safe While Playing Roblox

Roblox is a fun and exciting online platform where players can create, share, and play games. However, just like any online activity, it's important to take steps to stay safe while enjoying the game. Here are some tips to help you and your child stay safe while playing Roblox:

- 1. Set Up Privacy Settings:** Roblox offers privacy settings that allow you to control who can contact your child, join their games, or see their profile. Make sure these settings are adjusted to limit interactions to only friends or approved players.
- 1. Use a Strong Password:** Encourage your child to use a unique and strong password for their Roblox account. This helps protect their account from being hacked or accessed by others.
- 2. Talk About Inappropriate Content:** While Roblox tries to filter out inappropriate content, it's still important to talk to your child about what is and isn't acceptable behaviour in the game. Remind them to report anything that makes them uncomfortable or seems inappropriate.
- 3. Avoid Sharing Personal Information:** Remind your child never to share personal information, such as their full name, address, phone number, or school, with other players. Roblox allows players to communicate, but personal details should always stay private.
- 4. Monitor Chat Features:** Roblox has a chat feature that allows players to talk to each other, but it's important to monitor this closely. Consider setting up parental controls to limit who your child can chat with and block any inappropriate messages.
- 5. Stick to Games with Age-Appropriate Content:** Roblox has a wide range of games, some of which may not be suitable for all ages. Help your child find games that are appropriate for their age group, and make sure to check the game ratings and reviews before playing.
- 6. Educate About Online Safety:** Have an open conversation with your child about the importance of online safety. Make sure they know what to do if they encounter any bullying, inappropriate behaviour, or if they feel uncomfortable during gameplay.

By following these guidelines and staying informed about Roblox's features, you can help ensure a fun and safe gaming experience for your child.

New Year Resolutions

Come to School Every Day and Be On Time

Why Attendance Matters

Consistent attendance is key to your child's educational development. Every lesson, activity, and interaction contributes to their learning, and missing school can result in gaps in their knowledge. Studies show that children who attend school regularly are more likely to perform well academically and develop strong relationships with their peers and teachers.

Being present in school also builds positive habits that support personal growth. When children attend school regularly, they learn discipline, responsibility, and the value of showing up, which are valuable skills in both school and later in life.

The Impact of Lateness

Arriving on time is just as important as attendance. When children arrive late, they miss the crucial start of the school day, which often includes important instructions, assembly, and class discussions. This can cause unnecessary stress and disrupt not only their learning but also that of their classmates.

Punctuality is a habit that helps children get the day started on the right foot. It allows them to settle in, get organised, and be ready to engage in the day's lessons without feeling rushed or behind. It also shows respect for the classroom and the teachers' time.

What You Can Do to Help

We understand that mornings can sometimes be hectic, but developing a consistent routine can make a big difference in ensuring your child arrives at school on time. Try setting out clothes the night before, preparing school bags, and establishing a morning schedule that allows for a calm and timely start to the day.

Additionally, if your child is experiencing challenges with attending school regularly or being on time, please reach out to our school staff. We are here to help and support your family.



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Park Legally and Drive Safely Near Our School

We understand that mornings and afternoons can be busy, but please consider the safety and wellbeing of our children when parking and driving. Parking in designated areas, adhering to traffic signs, and keeping driveways and pavements clear are all essential actions to ensure that the local area remains safe for everyone.

Here are a few key reminders for safe driving around the school:

- 1. Park in Designated Areas:** Please park in the marked spaces only. Avoid blocking driveways and do NOT block the school gate by parking on the zigzags.
- 2. Obey Traffic Signs:** Pay attention to speed limits, no-parking zones, and other important traffic signals around the school.
- 3. Drop-off and Pick-up Zones:** Use designated drop-off and pick-up areas to keep traffic flowing smoothly and to ensure that children can safely get in and out of vehicles.
- 4. Be Mindful of Pedestrians:** Always stop for pedestrians and do NOT park on the school site as it is a thoroughfare for families dropping off and picking up.
- 5. Drive Slowly and Carefully:** Even if you're running late, please adhere to the speed limit and stay alert for children walking, scooting or riding bikes.

By following these simple guidelines, we can all contribute to creating a safer environment for our children as they travel to and from school. Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to keeping our school community safe.



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Be Organised!

Being well-prepared helps your child succeed with their learning and ensures a smooth and positive learning experience.

Here are a few tips to help both you and your child stay on track:

1. **Ensure All Supplies Are Ready:** Double-check that your child has all the necessary equipment they need for the day ahead and encourage your child to pack their bag the night before. Avoid bringing unnecessary items to school and focus on the essentials—water bottle, lunch box, reading book, reading diary and homelearning book.
1. **Label Personal Items:** Label your child's belongings, including lunch boxes, water bottles, jackets, and any other personal items. This can prevent confusion and ensure that nothing gets lost.
1. **Stay Updated on School Communication:** Check your email regularly and stay connected with the school through newsletters, Teachers2Parents, Seesaw (in Reception) and ParentPay. This will help you stay informed about your child's progress, upcoming events, and any important changes to the school schedule.
1. **Encourage Homelearning Routine:** Establish a consistent time and quiet space for your child to complete homework. This helps build good habits and makes sure school tasks are finished on time.

Staying organised not only helps your child feel more confident and prepared, but it also builds independence and personal responsibility.



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A Message from our School Business Manager, Sarah Beck:

Cash Payments

As you are aware we are a cashless school and ask parents/carers to make payments for various items via their Parent Pay account .

We are noticing a high increase in cash payments coming in to school and would politely request that you use your parent pay account wherever possible .

If you are experiencing any problems with your parent pay account or are not sure how to activate it please speak with a member of our office team who will be very happy to help you. .

Thank you.

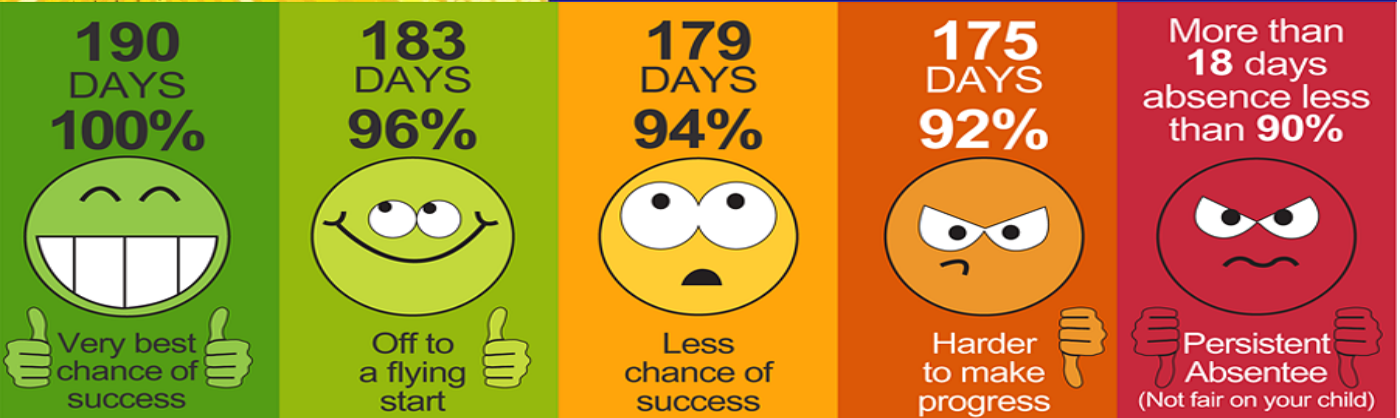
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Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance



ABSENCE = LOST OPPORTUNITY



Did You Know... ?

If Your Child's Attendance During the School Year...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
was 95%	9 Days from School	50 Lessons
was 90%	19 Days from School	100 Lessons
was 85%	29 Days from School	150 Lessons
was 80%	38 Days from School	200 Lessons
was 75%	48 Days from School	250 Lessons

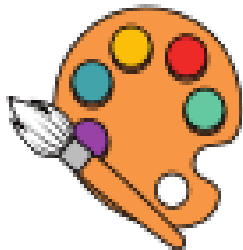
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Diary Dates

Tuesday 14th January	Oliver Hancock (St Mary's Church choir) leading whole school assembly.
Tuesday 14th January	YR visit to Oxford Story Museum.
Thursday 16th January	Reception, After Dark session, 4.45—5.30pm.
Friday 24th January	Y6 trip to Compton Verney.
Wednesday 12th February	Parent's Evening, 3.30—7.00pm
Thursday 13th February	Parent's Evening, 3.30—5.00pm.
Friday 14th February	Special Person tea party, PM.
School closed for Half-Term holiday Monday 17th February—Friday 21st February Pupils return to school on Monday 24th February	
Wednesday 5th March	Y6 visit to The Cambridge Theatre in London to watch the stage show, "Matilda."
Monday 10th March	Science Week.
Monday 7th April	Rock Steady concert, 2.15pm.
School closed for Easter holiday Monday 14th April—Friday 25th April Pupils return to school on Monday 28th April	

Diary Dates



Sydenham Superstars



YR and Key Stage One



Key Stage Two