

This Week

It has been a fantastic start to the new year and new term with the children so engaged and enthusiastic about our new topic ***Around the World in Eighty Days***, looking in particular at refugee issues, and the links we've been making across the curriculum, for example:

- Ordering and rounding population statistics in maths
- Taking part in Around the World in 80 Seconds circuit training in PE
- Exploring a beautiful graphic novel, *The Arrival*, in Guided Reading and a powerful short film, *Replay*, in English (both linked to refugees)

Maths and English

This week in maths we have been revisiting place value. We have looked at reading, writing, comparing, ordering and mental addition with 7 digit numbers.

Next week in maths we will be looking at a range of subtraction methods. Pre-learning is to revisit written subtraction, including decimals, especially if they are still finding exchanging tricky.

This week in English we started our *Stories with Flashbacks* unit, exploring the short film *Replay*, in particular how we can infer characters' feelings and mood from clues in a text/picture/video.

Next week in English we will be looking at how we can use grammar and punctuation to enhance our writing, in preparation for writing written versions of *Replay* the week after. Pre-learning is to revisit simple, compound and complex sentences.

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Home Learning

Today your child will have received a secret mission in an envelope as their home learning. They need to open the envelope, piece together the mission and then complete the mission. There are exciting prizes for taking part and for the best two missions per class will take part in an exciting event with the two Steves next Thursday.

A new reading response task has been set linked to the learning we are doing in class about figurative language.

The spelling task this week is to find as many words with the following prefixes as possible in your reading and talking and to record them in a table., underlining the root word

eg supermarket

un dis mis in il im irr re sub inter super anti auto
bi aqua aero micro audi trans prim tele re pre

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the snow if it arrives and sticks!

Mrs Watson, Miss Curtis and Mrs Storey

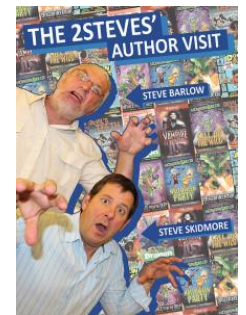
Proud Cloud and Fine diner

Our Proud Cloud this week is **Charly-Rose** for settling into our class so well and showing boundless enthusiasm for her learning, always offering ideas and asking questions.

Our fine diner this week is **Ollie Mann** for his incredibly calm and polite manners and perfect role modelling to others, at lunchtime and around the school.

Next Week

Next week we will be gearing up for our exciting writing workshop with the two Steves. The children's secret mission home learning is linked to the Two Steves' writer workshop on the afternoon of **Thursday 19th January**. In the evening (**6.30 – 8pm**) they will be running an amazing event for children and parents – please come along (younger siblings are most welcome) If you want a sneak preview of the two writers, take a look at their website at



<http://the2steves.net/>