

30th January 2015

### Maths

We have been learning how to round numbers to the nearest 10 by talking about 'half way' points. Can your child explain the rule for rounding up or down?

There is a good maths website:

[www.topmarks.co.uk/Flash.aspx?f=DartboardRoundingv2](http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Flash.aspx?f=DartboardRoundingv2)

where the children can play a timed dartboard game to practise this skill.

We have also been solving word problems using addition and subtraction using the **RUCSAC** method **R**ead/**U**nderstand/**C**hoose/**S**olve/**A**nswer /**C**heck.

### Reading

We will be assessing the children's reading over the next few weeks. Please keep up the good work with the reading and reading challenges at home.



### Year 2 News

On Monday we had a visit from a giant T.Rex ! He came to advertise a show at G.Live called 'Jurassic Adventures.' We snapped up this chance to see a life size dinosaur as our topic next term is Dinosaurs.

Thanks to Mark Richmond ( Ben's dad) who gave a very interesting presentation about his job as a pilot. This fitted in beautifully with our Journeys topic.

Next Wednesday( 4/01/15) Canon Robert Cotton will be presenting year 2 with their bible in a special assembly.

Remember the children can come to school wearing their Antarctic explorers costumes on Tues, Thurs & Friday.

We would appreciate help on a Mon and Tues afternoon. We need 4 extra adults in order to visit the Wild Place.

### English/Topic

This week we visited Antarctica on an ice- breaker ship ! The children went on to describe a picture of the Antarctic landscape imagining what we might/see / hear/ feel and smell.

We learnt all about the equipment needed to survive Antarctica. We looked at transport/food/shelter and clothing.

### Activity Corner

Use a camera to take photos or a video, make your own movie or photo story. It could be about a real story or something you make up. We would love to see any results!