

Year 2 Curriculum Letter – Autumn 1 2023

Welcome to the new academic year! We are looking forward to working with you throughout this academic year in order to support your child with their learning. This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,

The Year Two team

Mars Class - Daniella Barnett, Kerry and Grace

Earth Class - Leena George, Kerry and Juilette

Topic

The children will be focusing on the Topic 'Where I belong.' We will be focusing on naming and identifying the continents and oceans across the world. The children will learn the names of the countries in the United Kingdom, their capital cities and the physical features of each of these countries. The children will explore the area we live in and will learn more about major London landmarks.

English (reading and writing)

In English the children will be focusing on the texts 'A Walk in London' and 'Rosie Revere Engineer.' Children will be learning literacy skills needed to write instructions and persuasive posters and adverts. As well as exploring their creative writing skills to produce setting descriptions, postcards and diary entries.

During reading sessions, the children will begin to develop skills such as making inferences, clarifying and making links between different texts. All children will receive daily phonics sessions and will read with an adult at least twice a week.

Maths

Our first focus of the year will be on number and place value. Year 2 will be learning to recognise the place value of numbers up to 100; how many tens and ones are in a 2 digit number; comparing and ordering numbers; learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s; and using a number line to add and subtract 2 digit numbers, including money.

Science

In science this half term, we will be looking at 'Animals Including Humans.' Children will be describing the basic needs of animals and humans, including what they need for survival (water, food and air). Children will also be discussing the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.

Music

The children will engage in weekly music lessons with a specialist music teacher from Southwark Music services. Year 2 will be learning to identify and create their own rhythms, through learning a variety of songs and exploring different musical instruments.

Art/DI

Art and DT will be taught through our Topic. Children will be exploring portraits and learning and developing skills to create their own Mono printing.

P.E.

The children will receive two P.E. sessions a week – once with a specialist P.E. coach from the London P.E. network and once with their class teachers. Please make sure PE kits are brought into to school on Monday. Children will be expected to wear their school uniform to school and change before the lesson. Our first PE focus this half term will be Net games using hands. P.E. will take place on the following days:

Mondays and Wednesdays.

R.E.

The children will be researching the special food eaten at festivals in different religions and explore why fasting is important for believers.

Spanish

The children will be learning simple greetings, numbers and colours through songs.

Key Dates

9:00 - 9:30 - Reading Groups

9:30 - 10:20 - Phonics/Handwriting

10:20 - 10:40 - Break

10:40 - 12:00 - Maths/English

12:00 - 13:00 - LUNCH

13:00 - 15:00 - Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/PSHE

15:00 - 15:30: Story, Pupil of the day and Ready for home.

Assembly takes place on Monday Morning and Friday mornings. Separate assemblies may take place to mark special events or occasions in the school calendar.

25th September - KS1 Parents coffee morning (Reading focus)

26th September - SEND coffee morning

October - Black History Month

2nd October- reading together parent sessions

5th October- ASD coffee morning- Led by Southwark

11th and 12th October- Parents evening (3.45- 7.00)