

# Year 2 Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2



Building Personal Success

Dear Parents / Carers,

We trust you had a restful break, we are delighted to see that the children have returned excited about the learning that will take place this term.

The children settled in so well to Year Two and it was wonderful to speak to so many of you on Parents' Evening; if you were unable to speak with your child's class teacher last half term, please arrange to do so as soon as possible.

Reading was a large part of the discussions that took place during parents' evening and we would strongly recommend the following practices at home:

1. Re-reading. This will enable the children to further comprehend the text and to pick up on any reading errors they may have had the first time. This could be the whole text or a certain section of the book.
2. Using their knowledge of RWI and phonics to decode words that are new to them. Any words that they find interesting, and can apply to their writing, should be noted in their reading record for use when they are in class.
3. Listening to other people read stories to them so that they are exposed to different ways of reading with expression and hear words that are new and more challenging. Talk about the meaning and context of new words.
4. Being asked questions such as, 'Why do you think...?' 'What does this remind you of?' 'How do you feel about the characters?' 'What was interesting to you and why?'
5. Visit your local library. The East Ham Library is open until 5.30pm every day, including Saturdays.

As always, reading books will be changed once a week and library books will be swapped every week too.

Please feel free to ask any questions you have and let us know if you would like further support in helping your child with their learning.

Kind regards,

The Year 2 team

### The Year 2 Team

#### Belgium:

Miss Zainab Iqbal

#### Italy:

Mrs Shahara Begum

#### Spain:

Mr Sharaz Khan

#### Poland:

Miss Tahmina Choudhury

#### Classroom Practitioner:

Mrs Toni Cable

#### Teaching Assistant:

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#### Year Group Leader:

Miss Zainab Iqbal

#### Deputy Head Teacher:

Mrs Marie Hardie

If you have any questions or concerns, please approach your child's teacher or email [year2@brampton.newham.sch.uk](mailto:year2@brampton.newham.sch.uk)

## This Term's Educational Visit

The children will also be visiting the Horniman Museum (in Forest Hill, South London) to learn about the life of Frederick Horniman and the impact he had on educating and enriching the lives of his local community. More details will follow soon.



Please let your class teacher know if you would like to volunteer for this visit, support from the parents is always much appreciated.

## PE Days

Belgium: Wednesday and Thursday

Italy: Monday and Thursday

Poland: Monday and Thursday

Spain: Wednesday and Thursday

## Library days

Belgium: Tuesday

Italy: Monday

Poland: Wednesday

Spain: Tuesday

## Home learning

Home learning is given out on Friday and will be uploaded onto the Year 2 Home Learning Team.

The spelling test takes place on Friday during phonics.

## Curriculum

**English:** Letters and correspondence. We will be reading, *Clean Up*, *Greta and the Giants*, *Dear Teacher* and *The Jolly Christmas Postman*.

**Mathematics:** Multiplication (2, 5 and 10 times tables) and Division

**History:** Who has helped to make the world a better place to live? Exploring the lives of famous people through history, such as, Walter Tull, Rosa Parks, Malala Yousafzai and Florence Nightingale.

**Design Technology:** Peace Quilt – practising our sewing skills and investigating the cultural significance of this type of creation.

**Science:** Use of Everyday Materials – Which materials can we squash, bend, twist and stretch?

**RE:** Can stories change people? Looking at the stories Jesus told and why he told them.

**PSHE:** Celebrating Difference – knowing how people are similar and different and accepting this. Recognising that differences make us special and unique.

**Music:** The Nutcracker revisited

**Spanish:** My classroom

**Computing:** Digital Literacy

**PE:** Dodging – to explore dodging and learn to dodge effectively. Hands – to focus on developing underarm and overarm throws.