

Year 2 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2



Building Personal Success

Dear Parents / Carers,

We trust you had a restful break and that the children are excited about the learning that will take place this term.

The children settled in so well to Year 2 and it was wonderful to speak to so many of you during the Learning Reviews; if you were unable to meet 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 and we would strongly recommend the following practises 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 part 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 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.
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?' 'Does this remind you of any other stories or events?'
5. Visit your local library. The East Ham Library is open until 8pm every day, including on Saturday.

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

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Ms Stefanie Reay

This term's educational visit

This half term, in science we will be learning about *Uses of Everyday Materials*. For our learning we will be visiting The Science Museum.

The dates for when the classes will be visiting have been confirmed below:

Friday 1st December – Belgium and Spain

Friday 8th December – Italy and Poland



Please let the class teacher know if you would like to volunteer for the visit.

PE Days

Tuesday and Wednesday for all classes.

Library days:

Monday – Belgium

Tuesday - Poland

Thursday – Italy

Friday - Spain

Home learning:

Home learning will be uploaded onto Teams every Friday.

Logins for Teams can be found on the inside cover of your child's reading record

The spelling test takes place every Fridays.

Curriculum

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

Mathematics: Subtraction (renaming), 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: Structures – Baby Bear's Chair.

Science: Use of Everyday Materials – Looking at how materials can have lot of different uses.

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 – Creating Media - Digital Photography

PE: Health and Wellbeing and Athletics