

Year 2 Newsletter

Spring Term 1



Building Personal Success

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the first half of the spring term. Our team would like to take the opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year. We hope that you have had a wonderful and relaxing break.

We are immensely pleased that the children have returned keen and eager to learn and we aim to keep this momentum going throughout the coming spring term.

As the temperature is still chilly we ask that your child attends school with a coat as they will require this when out in the playground during playtimes and lunchtimes. Please ensure that it is clearly labelled.

We are very excited about the learning that is going to be taking place across the curriculum this half term – we are going to be looking at Asia, with a focus on the difference between life in London and life in a city such as Beijing.

Please encourage your children to commit some time to researching and presenting a project related to their geography topic which is based on Asia.

Home Learning and Reading Records:

We place a great deal of importance on reading. Research shows that children who read regularly, and enjoy reading, make better progress and, as a result, enjoy greater future success. Therefore, it is expected that all children are reading every evening and recording this in their reading record. To ensure we work together to improve your child's reading success we would like to ask you to monitor their daily reading closely and ensure they record their reading in their reading record.

Please feel free to ask the Year 2 team if you have any questions or concerns or if you would like some support in helping your child with their learning.

Kind regards,

The Year 2 team

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Belgium:

Ms Z Iqbal

Italy:

Ms F Ahmed

Spain:

Ms A Begum

Poland:

Ms T Choudhury

Classroom

Practitioner:

Ms T Cable

Year Group Leader:

Ms Z Iqbal

Assistant Head

Teacher/Phase Lead

Ms S Reay

This term's educational visit

The children will be visiting the National Army Museum; they will be attending a workshop about Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale

Thursday 8th February 2023 – Poland and Spain

Friday 9th February 2023 – Belgium and Italy



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

PE Days

Tuesday and Wednesday for all classes.

Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit, including appropriate footwear on these days. Appropriate clothing suitable for the weather should be worn. Your child will also need to bring a bottle of water to school every day.

Library Days

Monday – Belgium

Tuesday - Poland

Thursday – Italy

Friday - Spain

Home learning

Home learning is given out on Friday.

The spelling test takes place on Friday.

Curriculum:

This term's theme: *Imagination and Make Believe*. The children will be asking: Can you imagine what it would be like to live somewhere in Asia?

English: Traditional Tales and Fairy Tales – Baba Yaga and The Princess and the Pea.

Mathematics: Measuring the length and mass of objects. Solving word problems using all four operations.

Geography: Can you imagine what it would be like to live somewhere in Asia? The children will look at world maps and compare London with Beijing (climate, human and physical features, population, trade etc.).

Design and Technology: Textiles – making pouches.

Art and Design: Painting and Mixed Media: Life in colour.

Science: Everyday Materials: How can materials be changed?

RE: Why are different books special to different people? The children will learn about the important place of books in religious traditions and how people's attitudes to these books are shown in how they treat them.

Computing: Robot Algorithms

Music: Marching and Waltzing. Investigating tempo and rhythm through music we can dance and move to.

Spanish: My house

PE: Dance and gymnastics

PSHE: Dreams and Goals