



Year 2 Information

Autumn Term 1 - 2019



Mrs Zahoor



Miss Barbary



Mr Ahad



Mrs Jackson



Mrs Bartell



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Mrs Rami

Dates for the diary	
Thursday 17th October	Last day of term
Friday 18th October	School closed for INSET day
Monday 28th October	Children return to school

Reading is Important

As well as having our 'class reader', pupils have opportunities to take home a book of their choosing to read for pleasure from the book corner, and a book with a coloured label on the spine which denotes our reading level. These books must be kept in their reading bag or book folder and brought in every day.

It is very important that your child brings in their book every day as we often provide opportunities to read in class. Please ensure your child's book is returned every Friday as this is the day that pupils change their book.

Please take time to listen to your child read each day and talk to them about their book. They need to understand what they are reading – not just be able to read the words.

Try taking your child to the local library, it's free to join and borrow books.

Reminders

- Each Year 2 class has P.E. on Mondays & Thursdays; please make sure they have their P.E. kits including trainers/plimsolls with them on these days and that it is not worn under their uniform. Jewellery must not be worn at school except for stud earrings which must be removed or covered with plasters for P.E.
- Please ensure **ALL** of your child's clothing and shoes are labelled with their name. It is your child's responsibility to keep their belongings safe.
- Pupils may bring a bottle of water to drink during the day.
- Please make sure that your child is wearing appropriate clothing for the weather conditions (coat, hat gloves, scarf etc)
- Remember, school starts at 9.00am – don't be late

Need to talk to your child's teacher?

Remember – you don't need to wait until Parents' Evenings to talk to your child's class teacher. Messages or information can be shared when you drop off /collect your child. If you need a conversation, make an appointment – your child's teacher will normally see you on the same day.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club takes place every day in the KS1 Hall from 8am to 9am at a cost of £2 per day. Call at the school office to arrange a place for your child.

Homework

Times tables and weekly spellings will be sent home and tested weekly at school. These need to be practised each night so that your child is fully prepared.

Thank you for continuing to support you child with their homework activities each night.



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PSHCE

Health and Wellbeing
Think Positive

This unit will help children to recognise and accept their feelings, both positive and negative, as well as how to manage certain feelings.

RE

Kwanzaa

The children can explore a recent American festival that has its roots in the civil rights movement, and now is celebrated annually just after Christmas and New Year across America. It is not a religious festival, but rather draws on values and celebrates them. The unit uses Philosophy techniques to enquire into a traditional African story, asking the children to find meaning and questions from it. The unit then draws upon religious values and ask the children to think about these.

FRENCH

Numbers and Colours

Grammar focus: Personal pronouns

By the end of the unit, children will be able to count in French. They will also know the names of the colours and will use this in conversation; to include describing objects. Children will also practice the basic conversational French they learned in Year 1.

GEOGRAPHY

The UK - A London Study

By the end of the unit, children will have a sound understanding of the position of the countries within the UK and the location of some major cities within England. They should develop a sense of where places are across the UK as well as more localised within central London

SCIENCE

Uses of Everyday Materials

Children will identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials including; wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock and paper.

Children will also explore how the shapes of some solid objects can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching

ART AND DT

Family Art

Artist: Kasimir Malevich

Technique: collage

Skills: painting neatly within the line, cutting shapes, gluing, sticking and collaging people.

This half term, the Year 2 students will learn about Russian artist Kasimir Malevich. They will use painting and collage to depict their family in the style of Malevich.

London Life (DT)

Drawing and sculpture

They will also work in groups to recreate some of London's landmarks in 3D, using recycled material from home. Each class will end up with a 3D model of London showing some of its most famous landmarks.

COMPUTING

E-safety

Children will be learning how to stay safe on the internet though emojis. Children will assign emojis (happy face/sad face) to given scenarios.

Using the Internet

Children will learn to use the internet safely and with a purpose. Children are shown how to search the Internet using one word; how to make sense of the returned results; how to use "for kids" to return more suitable results; how to follow links and return to the search results. Children are encouraged to use a range of search engines, including Google, Bing and Yahoo, and some more child-friendly engines like Kidrex.

PE

Hockey

Children will be able to: follow simplified rules of a game; stay in a zone during a game; use and decide where the best place to be is during a game and use one tactic in a game.

Health and Fitness

Children will be able to: show how to exercise safely; describe how their body feels during different activities and explain what their body needs to keep healthy.

MUSIC

Hand, Feet and Heart

Xylophones

Children create group compositions with a clear structure and increasing awareness of how to use pulse, pitch and rhythm to change the mood.

