



# Year 2 Information

## Spring Term 1 - 2019



Mrs Patel



Miss Padilla



Miss Barbary



Mrs Jackson



Miss Houghton



Miss Akthar



Miss Begum

Dates for the diary	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Friends of Ravenscroft School Disco
	Last day of half-term
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	School is closed for INSET day
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	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.

### Breakfast Club

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

### 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 (hat, scarf, gloves etc).

### 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.

### And finally...

The soft start to the day has started really well. We have received positive feedback from both children and parents alike; the children are settled into school and ready to learn at 9.00am.

However, please ensure that your child does not arrive in the playground any earlier than 8.50am!

Thanks.

# Year 2 Spring Term 2

## RE

### Food and Fasting

The children have the chance to find out about special food eaten at special festivals in religions as well as times when people choose not to eat to remember or commemorate a special story or idea in a religion.

## FRENCH

### Body Parts

By the end of the term children should be able to name the different body parts in French through games and simple activities.

## GEOGRAPHY

### Explorers My World and Me

By the end of this unit, children will have a sound understanding of the division of the planet into seven continents and five oceans. They will extend their understanding of climate and temperature from Year 1 in relation to the Equator and North and South Poles through a more detailed comparison of two countries. They will explore aerial photographs to conduct a topographical study of an area.

## PE

### Gymnastics

Children will be able to make their body tense, relaxed, curled and stretched. They will also work on controlling their body when travelling and balancing and copying and repeat sequences.

### Dance

Children will be able to dance imaginatively and change rhythm, speed, level and direction to show a mood or feeling. They will practise dancing with control and coordination and be able to make a sequence by linking sections of dance moves together.

### Health and Fitness

Children will be able to describe how their bodies feel before, during and after an activity.

## ART

### Karel Appel

This half term the Year 2 students will study the work of Dutch artist Karel Appel, founder of the Cobra movement in the 1940s. They will learn about his love for children's art, texture and spontaneity.

The students will produce their own artwork inspired by Appel's style.

## COMPUTING

### Word Processing

Using topics from the curriculum, children will use Microsoft Word to gain confidence in word processing. This will enable children to not only develop their understanding of Microsoft Word but also develop their keyboard skills.

## SCIENCE

### Animals Including Humans

Children will describe the basic needs of animals and humans, for survival (water, food and air) as well as the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.

## MUSIC

Children will learn to sing a variety of songs, concentrating on pitch and rhythm.