



# Year 2 Autumn Newsletter



## Meet the team

We hope that you have a great summer and are looking forward to your new teacher. The Year 2 team are excited to be working in partnership with you to make lasting learning memories and to have a great year!

**Vice Principal - Mrs Mohamed**

**Team Leader Mrs Pal – Class 2MP**

Miss Madhan – Class 2AM

Mrs Ahtar – Class 2JA

Miss Annett – Class 2EA

Mrs Stewart – Class 2AS

Mrs Smith – HLTA

Mrs Sidhu – SEN HLTA

This newsletter will provide you with all the important information that you need at the start of the school year.

The capacity to learn is a gift. The ability to learn is a skill. The willingness to learn is a choice. Let's work to help our children make the right choices!

## Attendance matters

Learning time is precious, so every day counts. The government and OFSTED expect your child's attendance to be minimum of 96%, so unless they are seriously unwell, they should be in school! Each child should come to school every day to improve their learning and to help develop their life skills.

## Homework

Homework is given to consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding and it may also extend learning through research and investigation.

English and Maths homework will be given out every Thursday and must be returned by Tuesday

Other homework like weekly spellings to learn the common exception words, grammar and quizzes will be completed on Google Classroom. A paper copy will be given if necessary.

If your child is struggling to complete their homework at home, please speak to the class teacher for some advice on how to proceed, alternatively they will be able to join a homework club which will take place every Monday after school. The children will have the opportunity to complete their homework with the support of an adult.

## Punctuality matters

Children need to be in school at 8:45am every day.

During this time, the children could check their next steps, finish any uncompleted work and practice their targets and spellings. Year 2 start lessons at 9am so being in school at the right time will ensure your child has the time to unpack and be ready to learn

## Communication with your child's teacher

As year 2 children are dropped at the doors to the KS1 building, your child's school diary is the most effective way to communicate with the teacher. Any serious matters that you wish to discuss will need an appointment made with the class teacher through the diary or school office.

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## Reading

All pupils will be given two reading books and a reading record book which they must have in school every day. Each child is expected to read for at least 10 minutes every day. Reading will help your child develop in all areas of the curriculum and your support at home, listening to your child read every night, can have the greatest impact on your child's overall achievement.

If your child has not read and their reading log is not signed daily, then they will attend a reading catch up session in school.

## Star Reader Award In year 2

We are completing a star reader scheme to encourage children to read a range of different genres. This will expose our emergent readers to a range of text types e.g. poetry, fairy-tales, newspaper articles and short stories just to name a few.



Read 5 Books and receive a Bronze certificate.

Read 12 books and receive a Silver Certificate.

Read 20 books and receive a Gold Certificate.



More information about reading in year 2 will be discussed in our welcome meeting which will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September after school in KS1 hall.

It is very important that you all attend to meet the team and find out more about the curriculum and how you can support your child at home. Teachers will be available to have a 1:1 conversation with you and answer any questions that you have regarding learning in year 2.

## Year 2 Autumn topics

- English: stories from familiar authors, animal poetry, historical stories, instruction writing and informal letters
- Maths: Number and place value, Addition and subtraction, money, 2D and 3D shapes
- History: The Great fire of London and significant people from the past
- Geography: London landmarks, Exploring Africa.
- Science: Materials and animals including humans.

In the first two weeks, the children will be reading 'Room on the Broom'. It would be helpful if your child became familiar with some Julia Donaldson books. You can find these in your local library.

Trips/visitors to look forward to:  
Autumn - *Great Fire of London* theatre visit (In school).

Florence Nightingale workshop - in school

Hindu Temple - Neasden

## PE and school uniform

PE is an important part of the curriculum and educates pupils in leading an active and healthy lifestyle developing skills that will equip them for life. PE lessons in Year 2 take place twice a week and pupils are expected to wear the correct PE kit on those specific days.

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform and has a labelled coat and water bottle in school. Please approach a member of staff if you have any questions regarding school uniform.