



Spring 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

This email will provide you with information about the coming term. Shortly you will be able to find a topic map on the school website outlining the topics areas for learning this term.

English

Each day the children will participate in a dedicated spelling, grammar and punctuation session in addition to English lessons. During these sessions children will learn the statutory spelling rules for Year 2, as well as revise graphemes and phonemes from Year 1. They will also explore grammatical terminology as well as practise a range of punctuation.

English lessons will be based around core texts. These will provide the children with lots of opportunity to develop their comprehension and writing skills. The children will explore characters, settings and be encouraged to talk about their opinions of the texts. Each writing session will involve a particular grammar focus and will enable the children to develop fluency and cohesion.

Children will choose a reading book, which will be changed regularly. Days for changing the books are **Monday, Wednesday and Friday for Wool Class and Tuesday, Thursday, Friday for Felt Class**. If their book needs to be changed, we are encouraging the children to independently place their reading book in a designated place in the classroom.

Please continue reading with your child daily and recording notes in their reading record. These notes are incredibly useful for staff to see how the children are reading at home. We do listen to your child read on a regular basis so you may see comments in reading journals.

Weekly spelling homework will be given out on a **Friday** and we ask it is completed by **Wednesday** at the latest.

Supporting your child's learning

Please use these ideas to support your child when reading their books with you at home.

- Encourage your child to discuss what they liked and disliked about the book
- Continue to encourage segmenting blending strategies when encountering new words
- Ask questions about what has happened/how the character may feel and why/make predictions on what will happen next

Maths

Children will also take part in daily Maths lessons. Please see the topic map for the areas of maths we shall be covering. We are very lucky to have access to Mathletics and encourage your child to access this regularly, to consolidate their learning and complete the weekly homework.

Supporting your child's mathematical learning at home:

- Counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s.
- Number bonds to 20.
- Describing the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.
- Measuring length, temperature and volume.
- Exploring halves and quarters.
- The 2, 5 and 10 times tables.
- Adding and subtracting single digit numbers mentally.

Humanities and Science

Please see the topic map for specific areas of learning.

Arts and Design

We will be exploring art mainly through our topic – “Inventors and Pioneers”. The children will be exploring Leonardo Da Vinci and his sketch work. The children will then practice and refine their own sketching skills ready to sketch their own inventions and creations. We will also be looking at pen and ink work involving geometry, architecture and design. We will be visiting the Anni Albers Exhibition at The Tate Modern as part of our textiles project. Music lessons will focus on rhythm and simple beats.

Physical Development

On a **Wednesday**, the children will be going to Dulwich Leisure Centre for a half hour swimming lesson. Each class will be split into two groups based on their confidence in swimming. **Please make sure your child brings their swimming kit and goggles on Wednesdays.** We kindly ask at this point, if you are free to support Year 2 every Wednesday afternoon during swimming this term, that you contact the office or class teacher.

Please note:

Monday – Outdoor P.E.

Wednesday – Swimming

Outdoor play is fundamental to the children's physical development. We encourage the children to explore our outdoor area where they have access to learning opportunities that are not always available in the classroom environment.

Every week, the children will engage in Science based lessons and outdoor learning at the garden on Copleston Road. **Can you please bring in wellies and/or any waterproof clothing on your child's garden day.**

Please note:

Friday - Science Garden

We will continue to encourage the children to recognise the importance of keeping healthy in a variety of ways, through diet, physical exercise and hygiene. Please encourage your children to wash their hands before eating and after using the toilet at home.

Trips

We have lots of great trips planned! You will be informed of these through email. Some are already listed on the topic map.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term, we will be exploring resolving conflict and setting personal goals through our topic based PSHE lessons.

We will be celebrating the festivals, Chinese New Year, Easter, Holi, World Religion Day. Children will be participating in activities relating to these festivals. It is important that children are aware of different faiths as this encourages them to value and respect one another's cultures and beliefs. Immersed in all curriculum areas there is a focus on sharing, turn-taking, personal hygiene and independence.

Reminders

- It is vital that you let the school know if you are unable to collect your child from school. You can do this by speaking to the school office or class teacher via Dojo messenger, to inform us of who will be collecting your child instead.
- Please ensure that your child brings their book bag to school every day.
- Please ensure that all items of clothing, including PE Kits and goggles etc., are **clearly labelled** with your child's name.
- Please remember that staff are always available before and after school to answer any questions.

Kind regards,

Miss Saullo and Mrs Viala