Year 2 Autumn 1 Newsletter

Must bring to school:

-Reading folder
-School bag
-Water bottle
-All items need to be labelled please!

Year 2 will have PE on Tuesday and Thursday.

Children can come to school in black joggers and a white t -shirt.

Homework

- Reading (please read every night with your child and write in their Reading Log every day.)
- Numbots app (check for logins, in reading log)
-Children will be having weekly spellings to complete.

It's been a fantastic first week back! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Esther on Dojo or catch the Year 2 team on the playground.

Key dates

07.10 Trip to Balham Mosque. We will need some parent helpers please!

WB 13.10—RE Week & International Day

16.10—End of term

Children need to be in school at **8:45am** each morning.
We do morning activities, 1:1 reading and then we do the register.

Personal, social, emotional development

PSCD is our main focus this term. As children return from such a long period of time away from school, it is important that they feel happy, safe and ready to learn. This term we will be focusing on PSCD traits "Perseverance", "Celebrating Differences", "Self-Regulation", "Positive Relationships", "Healthy Mind" and "Social Responsibility." We will be reminding ourselves of school expectations and talking about what makes us all special.

History, Geography and RE

Geography: We will be revising the continents by singing the Continents Song on YouTube.

History: We will look at a timeline of historical events the children have learnt about so far, such as the Great Fire of London and Florence Nightingale.

RE: In Year 2 we will be learning about Islam. The final week of term is RE week where we will explore the beliefs, traditions and special events celebrated by Muslims around the world. We will also explore the different religions of the children in our classes, respecting and celebrating how we are all different.

Science

Science: In Science this term, we are looking at materials and their properties. After exploring and learning the properties of materials we will be doing an investigation to design which material would be best for a superhero outfit.

Computing: As part of Computing we will be looking at how technology is used and how we can stay safe online.

Arts

This term, children will be learning about Roy Lichtenstein and pop art. As we think about what makes us super, the children will make self-portraits in the style of Lichtenstein. We will also be practising sketching skills and learn how changing the pressure of the pencil changes the shade of colour.

In Music we will be learning about pulse, rhythm and pitch.

Super Me!

PE

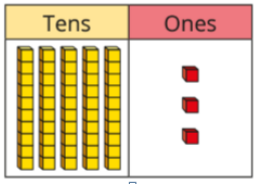
PE is on Monday and Friday. We are learning Fundamental Movement Skills and Functional Fitness. Children will show balance and coordination when running at different speeds using effective technique and avoiding peers. We also have a cricket coach.

Literacy

Reading – Children will still be reading weekly with their class teacher. They will be using their phonics to decode new sounds as well as learning the key 200 high frequency words needed for Year 2. Please read and sign the diary every day at home.
Phonics –This term we will continue to practise and revise our phonics. This includes revising the phase 5 sound families and learning to spell our tricky words.
Writing – Our main piece of writing this term will be a recount of our trip to the Mosque. Children also do weekly writing and will cover genres such as stories, descriptions and letters. Discovery is a great way for children to access free writing and continue practising writing for a purpose.
Spoken language – During Discovery children have lots of opportunities to develop their communication and language.

Maths

Number: In Number sessions, children will be focusing mainly on place value. We will be using the resource 'dienes' (tens and ones) to make 2 digit numbers and understanding how many tens and units a number has.



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Please practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s at home.