

Year 2 Curriculum Letter – Autumn 1 2025

Welcome to the new academic year! We are looking forward to working with you throughout this academic year in order to support your child with their learning. This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,

The Year Two team

Earth Class – Leena George, Anna Nassra

Mars Class – Ellie Daft, Kerry Pelling

Topic

The children will be focusing on the Topic 'Where I belong'. We will be focusing on naming and identifying the continents and oceans across the world. The children will learn the names of the countries in the U.K., their capital cities and the features of each of these countries. The children will explore the area we live in and will learn more about major London landmarks.

English (reading and writing)

In English the children will be focusing on the texts 'A Walk in London' and 'Rosie Revere Engineer'. Children will be learning literacy skills needed to write instructions and persuasive posters and adverts. As well explore their creative writing skills to produce setting descriptions, postcards and diary entries.

During reading sessions, the children will begin to develop skills such as making inferences, clarifying and making links between different texts. All children will receive daily phonics sessions.

Maths

Our first focus of the year will be on number and place value. Year 2 will be learning to recognise the place value of numbers up to 100; how many tens and ones are in a 2-digit number; comparing and ordering numbers; learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s; and using a number line to add and subtract 2-digit numbers, including money.

Science

For science this half term, we will be looking at Animals and Life Cycles. Children will be describing the basic needs of animals and humans, including what they need for survival (water, food and air). Children will also be discussing the importance of their habitats and describe how animals obtain food from plants and other animals using simple food chains.

Music

The children have begun weekly Music lessons with a specialist Music teacher from Southwark Music services. Year 2 will be learning to identify and create their own rhythms, through learning a variety of songs and exploring different musical instruments.

Art/DI

Art and DT will be taught through our Topic. Children will be exploring artist such as Picasso and Leonardo Da Vinci as they create portraits and Mono prints. Children will use a range of materials creatively to design and make products. As well as use drawing, painting, and sculpture to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination.

P.E.

The children will receive two P.E. sessions a week – once with a specialist P.E. coach from the London P.E. network and once with their class teachers. Please make sure PE kits are brought into to school on Monday and taken home to be washed on a Friday. Children will be expected to wear their school uniform to school and change before the lesson. Our first PE focus this half term will be Net games using hands. P.E. will take place on the following days:

Tuesdays and Thursdays.

R.E.

The children will be having one R.E. lesson per week. This subject is compulsory but we recognise it can be sensitives to our families. Please speak to your class teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

This half term in R.E. we will be learning about; being respectful towards religions.

Key Dates

9:00 - 9:30 - Reading Groups/Phonics

9:30 - 10:20 - Handwriting/English

10:20 - 10:40 - Break

10:40 - 12:00 - Maths

12:00 - 13:00 - LUNCH

13:00 - 15:00 - Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/PSHE

15:00 - 15:15- Maths meeting

15:15-15:30- Story and Ready for home.

Assembly takes place on Monday Morning and Friday mornings. Separate assemblies may take place to mark special events or occasions in the school calendar.

26th September - SEND coffee morning- **9am**

26th September - KS1 Parents coffee morning (Reading focus) - **2:45pm**

29th September- Reading together sessions to start

30th September- Individual children's photos

October - Black History Month

2nd October- National Poetry Day

22nd and 23rd October- Parents evening (3.45- 7.00)

24th October- Big Draw Event

24th October- Last day of term!

26th - 31st October- Half term.