



YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a well-deserved Christmas break and are ready for another exciting term in Year 2. This term we have a lot of learning to complete in preparation for the end of key stage one tests in May, as well as two curriculum trips and target setting evenings.

Year 2 Team

Ms Bibby: Class Teacher

Mrs Grant-Defalla: Cover teacher 1 ½ days per week

Miss Laraine: LSA

SCHOOL LEARNING

English: Story writing, Letters, Poetry and Instructions

Maths: Revision of Addition and Subtraction, Time, Money, Multiplication and Division, Fractions and Shapes

Computing: Writing algorithms using Bee-Bots

Science: Animals Including Humans & Living Things and their Habitats

RE: Weddings across different religions, Easter symbols

History: Local study – The History of Deptford and finding out about famous local people including Grinling Gibbons the artist

Geography: Deptford – local area – including Map Skills

DT: Breads around the world

PHSE: New beginnings

PE: Dance / Breakdance

Music: Singing and playing instruments through the Charanga topics – 'I wanna Play in a Band' and 'Zootime'

Art: Sculpture – pattern, texture and form

PE days – Year 2 have PE on **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays**. On these days, children should come to school wearing their PE kit.

PE uniform: Blue or black shorts or track suit bottoms, with a **white** T-shirt and **plimsolls or black trainers**. Please ensure that all kit has your child's name on it.

HOME LEARNING

Maths: Home learning will be set on www.mathletics.co.uk every week, as before, and as your child completes it, they will be awarded certificates. In addition to this, we now have an app that the children can access at home to help practise their times tables: <https://timestable.pixl.org.uk/Timestables.html>.

Reading: Your child will bring home a selection of books to read and discuss with you. If they are to make the progress needed, they should be reading for at least 15 minutes every day. Please encourage them to change their books regularly and comment and sign their Reading Log. We will also allocate online books at the right level for them on Bug Club which you can access via www.activelearnprimary.co.uk using the log in details we have given you.

In addition to the online homework, we also send home learning that reinforces what we have been teaching during the week in maths and English. At times, this may include practise papers for the up-coming SATs tests. This work is put into your child's folder **every Friday** and it needs to be returned **by the following Wednesday** so it can be looked at. Please help your child to do this as it is designed to help your child prepare for their tests. **There will be more information about this at the KS1 SATs meeting – Mon 10th Feb so please make sure you attend this.**

USEFUL WEBSITES

1. www.primarygames.co.uk - Interactive games with focus on Maths
2. www.bbc.co.uk/education - Focus on English, Maths and Science for Key Stage 1
3. <http://www.lexiacore5.com/> - support with reading and comprehension. (Teachers email: lexia.209@lgflmail.org)



ATTENDANCE, PUNCTUALITY AND COLLECTION

Please be reminded that school **starts at 8:20 am** and children should be **collected at 2:40 pm**. **If we do not recognise the adult picking the child up, they will not be allowed to collect them.** Anyone picking up your child must be 16 years or older. Please inform the office of any change in collection by **2:20 pm**. Any child not collected by **3:00 pm** will incur a charge of £5 per 15 minutes. We are expecting **100% attendance** this term.

DATES

- **Mon 27th – Fri 31st Jan** – BOOK FAYRE
- **Weds 12th Feb** – KS1 Winter Ball – 3:30 – 4:45pm
- **Mon 17th Feb – Fri 21st Feb** – **Half term**
- **Thurs 27th Feb** – TRIP – Natural History Museum
- **Mon 2nd March** – **KS1 SATs meeting** – 2:50pm in the school hall
- **Weds 4th March & Thurs 5th March**– Target setting evenings: 3 – 6pm
- **Mon 9th March** Science Week
- **Mon 9th March** – Parents' meeting – Maths – after school
- **Thurs 26th March** – TRIP – Creekside
- **Friday 3rd April** – End of term

Please be reminded that children may be taken on local trips, within walking distance, at any time during the school year. Children will be fully supervised during these visits and this is included in the application form which parents/carers have signed.

NO PHONES

Due to child protection, the use of mobile phones is not allowed on school premises. Please work with us and respect this procedure. It is for the safety of our children!

