

Welcome to Year 2! We hope you all have had lovely and restful summer breaks. It has been great getting to know all of the children over the past week. They have settled really well into their new classes and are getting used to the new routines.

### **English**

In English this half term the children will be learning about *Journey stories*. They will be learning to orally retell the model text using story maps and actions. The children will be thinking about the structure and language features of stories, with a particular focus on character description and dialogue. We will be working on their use of adjectives to add description to their sentences. The children will then be planning, writing and editing their own journey stories.

### **Maths**

In Maths, we will be learning about:

*Numbers within 100* - The children will be identifying how many tens and ones there are in a 2-digit number (place value); comparing and ordering numbers; as well as reading and spelling numbers written as words.

*Addition and subtraction of 2-digit numbers* - We will be working on the mental recall of addition and subtraction facts, number bonds and the children will be using objects and number lines to support their calculations.

The children will also have short maths meetings on most days, where quick oral maths skills will be covered.

### **Science**

Our Science topic for the autumn term is *Changing Materials*. During this topic, the children will be taught to distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made. They will also be identifying and naming a variety of everyday materials, including plastic, glass, metal, water and rock. In addition, they will describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials.

### **History**

Our History topic this term is *Changes to Alexandra Palace*. The children will find out about the history of Alexandra Palace, including the changes to the Palace following the two fires. They will consider the changing uses of the Palace and its grounds over the past century. We are hoping to have two visits to Alexandra Palace over the term, to help bring the topic to life.

### **PSHE**

In PSHE we will be thinking about *Diversity and Communities*. The children will be developing their sense of personal identity and self-worth, as well as considering and respecting the needs and views of others. They will learn about different groups and cultures within their class community and about the importance of identifying and challenging stereotypes.

### **PE**

This half term, the children will be developing their *Throwing and Catching Skills* in our games sessions. PE will happen for both classes on Wednesdays. Please ensure they bring

their PE kit on this day. Swimming takes place on Thursdays (Hepworth) and Fridays (Moore). Please ensure that your child has the appropriate swimming kit for this day.

### **Art**

We will be finding out about our class artists (Henry Moore and Barbara Hepworth) and using their work as inspiration for our own. Additionally, the children will be focusing on developing their drawing and sketching skills.

### **Computing**

The children will be developing their touch-type skills using laptops. They will be using a specialised program, which will enable the children to practise using the keyboard, as well as working on quickening their speed. By the end of this unit, most of the children should be more assured at using a keyboard and understanding some of its other purposes, i.e. the space and enter bar.

### **Music**

Year 2 will be composing their own rhythms using rhythm sentences and learning how to notate this rhythm. They will start to recognise the characteristics of different instruments and their families.

### **Homework**

Home learning letters will be handed out each week on a Friday. This term we are focusing on spelling and quick recall of number facts. Spelling challenge tasks place on a Friday. Please encourage your child to practise their spellings daily. Guided reading and free choice books are changed every Friday. Please ensure your child brings their books back to school. Please support your child by discussing the homework tasks with them and if you are unsure please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

### **Introduction to Year 2 Meeting**

A zoom meeting will take place next Monday (13<sup>th</sup> September 2021) at 4pm. During this meeting we will give you an overview of the routines and curriculum that we will be exploring in Year 2. Find the zoom details below:

Topic: Year 2 Introduction Meeting

Time: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 4pm-4.45pm

<https://zoom.us/j/92501502772?pwd=RnQzbUpjLzV3WitoWnE3SHp6enE3UT09>

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