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Year 2 Curriculum Letter Autumn 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a restful time with your family over this summer holiday. We are delighted to welcome you back this term as it is packed with learning! See below for details and links to support you and your child.

Our federation theme for the 2023-24 academic year, 'Dear Earth', connects our pupils with science and nature to build a more sustainable future. This theme is inspired by our work with the artist Cornelia Parker in the Dear Earth exhibition at the Hayward Gallery last year and our participation in Darwin200 this year.

<https://darwin200.com/>



Other key events this term are:

Rosh Hashanah - 15th Sept

Black History Season - Oct - Dec

National Poetry Day - 5th Oct

Ada Lovelace Day - 10th Oct

Bonfire Night - 5th Nov

Remembrance Day - 11th Nov

Diwali - 12th Nov

Anti Bullying Week - 13th-17th Nov

Christmas - 25th Dec



Meet the team

- We invite you to meet the team on **Monday 25th September @ 3.45 in Reception Class** to listen and ask questions about learning and key events happening for your child this year.
- Our Parent's Evenings commence week beginning **27th November**

Black History Season

Black History Season recognises and celebrates the invaluable contributions of black people to British society. It also serves as an opportunity to inspire and empower future generations. This year, Black History Month will be dedicated to honouring the achievements of black women who are often the forgotten heroines. The children will be learning about these people through art, English and history lessons.



Year 2 Autumn Term Learning

The attached curriculum leaflet gives you an overview of the learning that will be taking place this half term in your child's year group. You will now receive a new curriculum leaflet every half term, keeping you updated with the learning. Our Year 2 topic for this half term is 'The Great Fire of London 1666CE', and this is the overarching theme for our humanities (geography and history) and English lessons.

All classes will use their Torriano Timelines and Knowledge Mats to support children's learning, supporting them to remember and recall key facts. See below for useful links.

<u>Curriculum leaflet</u> Year 2 Curriculum Leaflet	<u>Knowledge mats</u> Science HERE History / Geography HERE
<u>Home learning</u> - Google Classrooms Please see your home learning books for your classroom code. Home Learning is on Google Classroom on Wednesdays and due the following Monday.	Behaviour Summary Leaflet for parents HERE
<u>Reading</u> Children should read every day for at least 15-25 minutes at home. Reading for pleasure books can be changed as frequently as needed. Reading Record books should be completed at home and are checked regularly in school.	<u>Maths</u> Online maths fluency practice is available for all children. Numbots: https://numbots.com/ Please ask your class teacher if you need your login again.
<u>Spelling</u> This term's spelling lists will be available on Google Classroom from next week. Children have weekly spelling quizzes in their class weekly.	<u>PE</u> Tuesday and Friday. Children should wear trainers to school every day to enable them to take part in the Daily Mile and be active at playtimes.
<u>Trips and Enrichment</u> Fire of London walk	<u>Parent Workshops</u> Please see the weekly newsletters for upcoming parent workshops.

Extra - Curricular Clubs

Clubs start on Monday 18th September. Please see the letter sent out today from Carmen via Arbor regarding the booking arrangements.

Attendance and Punctuality

Being in school is vital for children's education and for their wellbeing. All children are expected to attend school every day unless they are unwell.

Please be aware that:

- It is a parent/carer's duty to ensure that their child attends school
- It is the schools' responsibility to record attendance and follow up absence
- Schools and local authorities may issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct if a child is absent from school.



Punctuality and the School Day

Please see the table below and note the key times.



EVENT	TIME
Breakfast Club starts	8.00
School gates open	8:50
Doors open	8.55
School starts	9:00
School ends	15:30
Extended hours ends	18:00

Please note, if your child arrives after 9am they will be marked as late and need to report to the front office.

Please support your child to be ready for school with their books and bags, ready to encourage a prompt morning routine. Children arriving late to school miss vital learning and school routines which can create anxiety as children arrive unsettled. If you find arriving at school on time challenging, please speak with staff and find solutions together. We look forward to helping establish positive learning routines and improving attendance this year.

Administration of Medicine:

- We always encourage parents to administer outside of school hours where possible.
- All medicines that are to be administered in school must be accompanied by a completed medicines form (available from the office) from the parent and/or the GP on how to administer the (dosage).
- The label must state the following: the name of the child, the date of birth, and route of administration, intervals and amount to be given.
- It must be signed in, by the parent/carer, at the office. Teaching/support staff will not accept medications directly from children or parent/carer.



- Please remember to bring any medication back in on the first day of term.

Individual health care plans:

- For all children who require individual specialised treatment a clear care plan must be available. This includes asthma, allergies, diabetes, epilepsy, eczema and sickle cell with medication.
- The school nurse or child's GP are responsible for the content of this and a copy must be brought into school. These should be reviewed annually.

Many thanks,

Holly, Helen, Serena, Golda



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