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Year 1 & 2 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2017

Welcome back!

We hope that you all had a fantastic summer holiday and are ready and refreshed for a productive and fun Autumn Term!

The Year 1 & 2 teachers and support staff are committed to supporting all the pupils through this busy academic year and aim for each child to **be the best they can be**.

To enable you to continue to support your child's learning at home, we have great pleasure in sharing with you the areas and topics we will be covering this term. We hope it will help you when you are learning with your child.

Year 1- What We're Learning this Term.

Literacy-Read Write Inc phonics

In Year 1, your child will learn to read and write effectively and quickly using the *Read Write Inc.* Phonics programme. Your child will learn to

- Decode letter-sound correspondences quickly and effortlessly, using their phonic knowledge and skills
- Read common exception words on sight-(Red words)
- Understand what they read
- Read aloud with fluency and expression
- Write confidently, with a strong focus on vocabulary and grammar
- Spell quickly and easily by segmenting the sounds in words

Maths

We are using Maths No problem scheme of work. This term, our focus is number formation and recognising 1 and 2 digit numbers up to 100. The children will be counting objects accurately and using mathematical language correctly.

Foundation Subjects

Our Science topic this term will be 'Animals, including humans'. We will be naming and describing a variety of animals, including reptiles, birds, mammals, fish and invertebrates. We will identify different body parts and conducting investigations where we will be exploring our senses. Please help your child by talking to them about the parts of the body and their function.

When looking at different animals we will be exploring how animals can be grouped, their body parts and what they eat (herbivores, carnivores and omnivores).

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Year 2- What We're Learning this Term.

Literacy

Reading, writing and grammar are very important and your child will be practising their writing skills by writing simple sentences in different contexts. Please encourage them to write at home: your shopping list, labels around the house etc

Maths

Your child will be learning about place value up to 100 as well as addition and subtraction, multiplication and division. Please help your child learn their number bonds to 100, all you need to do is hear them say them correctly and sign their diary.

Foundation Subjects:

This term we will be learning about the life and times of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. We will also be learning about the festival of Harvest and your child will be participating in a special Harvest assembly at the end of term.



Reading - WE LOVE STORIES

Children who read are more likely to have a love of books, have a varied vocabulary and often have a higher reading level than their peers. When reading with your child, please ask them questions about the text – there are many suggestions given in the homework diary.

If you have access to the internet, then you can visit the following websites to listen to a variety of stories.

- www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/stories/
- <http://www.learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/short-stories>

Your child can join the local library for free and can take home up to 8 books and 2 audio-books at a time. They have free WiFi access and computers for public use. East Ham library can be found at 328 Barking Road, London, E6 2RT. When you do visit the public library, please remember to look at the non-fiction section and encourage your child to select at least one. We would really appreciate if you could listen to your child read every night. Repetition helps with word recognition. Sharing a story and discussing the characters and events will improve your child's understanding. Please see your child's diary for ideas. Use the index and contents pages together and look at the parts that particularly interest your child. You can take turns to read or they can join in with words that they can read to build their confidence. Above all have FUN!

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Supporting learning at home

We value highly the interest and involvement of all parents/ carers in supporting their child's home learning as it has a positive impact on children's motivation and commitment to learning for themselves.



Homework

Children will be given homework every Friday. Although they should be able to do the work themselves some activities may need some help from you. Please make sure it is returned on the appropriate day. Please feel free to make comments about how well your child has managed with their homework and anything we may need to support them further.

Diary



Each child has a School Diary which contains a wide range of resources to support your child with their learning at home. This diary is to be also used to record your child's daily reading. If you have any messages for your child's teacher, the diary is a good place to create home-school communication.

P.E



Please make sure your child has the correct P.E. kit and that it is kept in school for the term.

World of Work Week – 25th – 29th September 2017

During this week the children will be learning about various professions and work based skills. Year 1 pupils will be visiting Asda, Tesco or Foyles bookshop (letter will be sent out). The Year 2 children will be visiting East Ham Fire Station or Plaistow Fire Station (letter will be sent out nearer the time).

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 14th September 2017 at 9am – Year 2 parents meeting in the Sports Hall

If you would like any further advice or ideas, please speak to your child's teacher or the phase leader, Mrs Mihdi-din.

Kind Regards,

Year 1 & 2 Team