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Thursday 21st September

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is a pleasure to welcome you back to school. I hope you had a relaxing summer holiday, and the children are ready for the exciting year ahead! I am looking forward to getting to know your child and working with you, and their class teacher, to ensure they make excellent progress this year. The aim of this newsletter is to keep you informed of your child's learning and help you understand how you can support your child at home. If you have any questions please see your child's class teacher or myself.

Thank you,
 Mrs C Fontaine
 (Assistant Head and Phase Leader Years 1-2)

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<p><u>Literacy</u></p> <p>This Term we will be learning about non-chronological reports. We will be looking at all the common features of a non-chronological report, such as titles, headings, sub-headings, captions, pictures, facts, questions and opening paragraphs.</p> <p>We will also be focusing of grammar features such as suffixes, e.g. <u>colourful</u>, <u>thoughtless</u>. Past tense and present tense (ran/run).</p> <p>Expanded noun phrases, The girl wore a <u>beautiful bright yellow</u> dress.</p> <p>We will also look at different sentence types, e.g. A question – Where are you going? An exclamation – What big eyes you have! A statement – The door is firmly closed.</p>	<p><u>Numeracy</u></p> <p><u>(Place Value)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read and write numbers to at least 100 in numerals and in words. • Recognise the place value of each digit in a two digit number (tens, ones) • Identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations including the number line. • Compare, order, add and subtract numbers from 0 up to 100; use <, > and = signs. • Use place value and number facts to solve problems. • Count in steps of 2, 3 and 5 from 0, and in tens from any number, forward and backward. 	<p><u>Science</u></p> <p>Our science topic this term is: <u>Animals including humans</u></p> <p>We will be learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals • identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores (an animal that feeds on other animals), herbivores an animal that feeds on plants) and omnivores (an animal that feeds on both plants and animals) • describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals including pets) • identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense

How you can support your child at home

Reading

Please read with your child every day and sign their reading record. Reading daily will help to improve your child's comprehension and writing skills. Remind your child that they can still log onto Bugclub and also visit the library to borrow a range of books.

Speaking & Listening

At the end of each school day ask your child to tell you what they've been learning. This helps to develop speaking and listening skills. Ask your child questions that start what, why, when, how. E.g. What was your favourite lesson today and why? Encourage them to respond in full sentences and by using the conjunction 'because', to explain their answer.

Maths

Encourage your child to read out numbers, for example how many grams of flour do we need? Practice recalling and using multiplication and division facts for 2, 5 and 10 times tables. When out shopping, get your child to pay for items by selecting the correct coins or working out how much change they should get.

Topic

This term your child will be learning about the place they live; London! As you travel around, by foot, car or public transport please point out and discuss famous landmarks, for example The London eye, The Gherkin, Westfield Stratford, to name a few.

Any other information?

PE:

Our P.E. lessons are on Tuesday and each class has one other PE day

MF1-Friday

MF2- Wednesday

MF3- Thursday

Children must change out of their uniform into their full P.E. kit: Navy blue shorts or jogging bottoms, a white polo shirt, navy sweat shirt and black plimsolls.

Homework:

Homework for maths and literacy will be given out every Thursday for the children to return to school on Tuesday.

Uniform:

I would like to remind you that tights and sock must be black, navy or white only.

Dates for your diary

21st September: Year 2 Parent Meeting

Friday 22th September: Jeans for Genes Day

Tuesday 26th September: European day of Languages

Friday 29th September: Macmillan Coffee Morning (come along and meet other parents & help raise money for charity)

October: Black History Month

Tuesday 3th October: Individual and family photos

Friday 20st October: Last day of Autumn 1

Saturday 21st-Sunday 29th October: Half term holiday

Monday 30st October: First day of Autumn term 2

Useful websites

www.mathszone.co.uk/

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/>

