



AUTUMN TERM 1 2019—Curriculum Newsletter YEAR 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 2. We have a fun and productive year ahead as we launch our new curriculum. We will be teaching the same high-quality skills and knowledge as before but have developed exciting and relevant links between different subjects, planned rich enhancement activities both on and off site and will be beginning each term with an inspiring 'Stunning Start' and concluding our topic with a 'Show Stopper' presentation piece.

This half term, our topic is Our Country and we will be focussing our learning in all subjects around the key question:

What do I know about the country I live in?

Our 'Stunning Start' to launch our topic will be:

A treasure hunt around our local area of Pinner. Children will have to follow clues and navigate their way around!

We will enhance children's learning and 'Cultural Capital' with the following trips and experiences:

We will use SeeSaw to record our work, use a range of maps, atlases and google expeditions to study the UK.

Our 'Showstopper' piece of work at the end of the topic will be:

A year 2 Geography themed quiz to present to each class.

Our 'Shared Outcome' to communicate our learning with others will be:

We will send home the quiz for parents and carers to try at home. There will also be display work up in and around the classrooms.





Here is a breakdown of the skills and knowledge to be covered in each subject through this topic:

English:

This half term we will be looking at different Katie Morag Stories and children will write postcards, letters, recounts and make posters. We will focus on understanding the purpose and using exclamation Sentences, subordinaton and present and past tense.

We will also write instructions to link with our science and art learning.

Maths:

This half term we will move onto learning how to multiply and divide in different contexts. We will apply our understanding of number to know and use money. We will also build on our understanding of fractions from year 1 and learn to tell the time.

Science: We will be continuing our Materials topic by exploring how materials can bend, squash and stretch. We will also compare similarities and differences between materials.

Computing: This half term we introduce the children to using the internet safely. We will learn how to search on the internet using one word and with a purpose. We will learn how to use SeeSaw more independently.

Geography: We will develop knowledge about the world, the United Kingdom and our local area of Pinner. We will learn to use subject-specific vocabulary

RE: This half term, we will be continuing to learn about Christianity. We will concentrate on

Art: We be looking at the artist Van Gough and some of his famous pieces of art such as The Starry Night. We will begin to sow using a simple running or over stitch. Children will design and create a handbag for Katie Morag.

PE: We will build on the skills we learnt last half term to learn how to jump and land safely and develop seated static positions in a unit called 'Dynamic Balance to Agility.'

Music: We will be learning our Christmas show songs in class and also learning various vocal warm ups ready to learn a song called Ho Ho Ho.

PSHE: Our topic for this half term is called 'Celebrating Difference' where we will look at anti-bullying. We will also explain how it feels to have a friend and be a friend. We will develop children's understanding of why it is OK to be different from their friends.

Key Information/ Reminders

- Please continue to encourage your child to read with their reading pet and if possible, please take a photo and send in to school.
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Important Dates

- Christmas show performances will be
- Christmas Panto visit is on the 17th December. Children will be able to have lunch back at school.
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