

THE YEAR 2 TEAM

- Badger Class: Miss Khan
- Fox Class: Ms Pandya
Mr Patel (Friday)
- Hedgehog Class: Miss McArthur (Monday and Tuesday)
Ms Riley (Wednesday to Friday)
- Squirrel Class Mrs Smith (Monday and Tuesday)
Mrs Sophocleous (Wednesday to Friday)

THEMATIC CURRICULUM

- Teaching and learning in Year 2 will follow a thematic approach.
- This means that many areas of the curriculum are connected and integrated within a theme.
- Some lessons, however, e.g. maths, need to be taught discreetly.

Autumn Term

- The theme for the Autumn Term is 'Changes'.

Spring Term

- The theme for the Spring Term is 'Home Sweet Home'.

Summer Term

- The theme for the Summer Term is 'Islands in the Sun'.

HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD WITH READING:

- Listening to your child read can take many forms.
- First and foremost, focus on developing an enjoyment and love of reading.
- Enjoy stories together - reading stories to your child at KS1 is equally as important as listening to your child read.
- Talk about the story before, during and afterwards - discuss the plot, the characters, their feelings and actions, how it makes you feel, predict what will happen and encourage your child to have their own opinions.
- Look up definitions of words together and use a dictionary and thesaurus.
- All reading is valuable - it doesn't have to be just stories. Reading can involve anything from fiction and non-fiction, poetry, newspapers, magazines, football programmes, TV guides etc.
- Visit the local library - it's free!



HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD WITH WRITING:

- Practise and learn weekly spelling lists - make it fun!
- Encourage opportunities for writing such as letters to family or friends, shopping lists, notes or reminders, stories or poems. -This is a great opportunity to use your child's journal
- Write together - be a good role model for writing.
- Allow your child to use a computer for word processing, which will allow for editing and correcting of errors without lots of crossing out.
- Remember that good readers become good writers! Identify good writing features when reading (e.g. vocabulary, sentence structure, punctuation).
- Show your appreciation: praise and encourage, even for small successes!



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Dance - movements, joining actions
- Gymnastics - balance and apparatus work
- Games - small group and large group
- Sending and receiving
- Using equipment and apparatus
- Athletics - Sports Day

- **P.E. kits and plimsolls or trainers to be worn on PE days.**
- P.E. is taught as part of the Foundation Footsteps and one lesson on Thursday.
- Year 2 children also take part in inter-school competitions with other local schools.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- Learning about the beliefs and customs of ourselves and others.
- Looking at the similarities and differences within different faith communities.
- We promote attitudes such as respect and fairness.
- We explore topics such as identity and religious symbols, souls and human identity and celebrating birth ceremonies in different faiths.

Foundation Footsteps

During the day, children do lessons in:

- Art with Mrs Smith
- Computing with Mrs Vadher
- P.E. with Mr Patel
- Music with Mr Eshref

WORK AT HOME

- Homework will be given out every Friday and is due back the following Wednesday.
- Spelling words given out every Friday (spelling tests the following Friday).
- A guided reader will be in your child's book bag for them to **read** to/with you daily. Please keep them in the zippy wallet provided and bring to school **daily**.
- Children will choose a book from the library/class book corner to read.
- Log on to Active Learn and encourage your child to read and complete the activities on a regular basis.
- Talk to your children at home about their day.

HEALTH/MEDICAL ISSUES

- There are many staff who are first aid trained.
- See the First Aider regarding medication that your child needs to take.
- Only small stud earrings: no hoops or dangly earrings are allowed or other jewellery.
- Sickness and diarrhoea - children need to be kept at home for 48 hours.

THINGS TO NOTE

- Concerns - see your class teacher or Mr Miller.
- Empty book bags regularly.
- Make sure your child has a water bottle in school.
- Attendance and punctuality are very important.
- Make sure children have breakfast as being hungry affects concentration.
- School Dinners/Packed Lunches - the office staff need 1 week's notice to make any changes.
- *All items of clothing need to be labelled with your child's name.*

P.S.H.E.

- Yoga
- Meditation
- Circle time
- Calming music
- Quiet time

SCHOOLPING

- If you are not already on the SchoolPing, please sign up so that you can receive messages on your phones and paper letters don't need to be sent out.
- If you are not sure how to log on, please ask office staff for assistance.

Class Communication

- ▶ Use class Dojo or teacher email if you have any concerns. Please expect replies within school working hours.
- ▶ The following are teacher emails if you need to contact us:
 - Ms Pandya: tpandya@rgreeninf.brent.sch.uk
 - Mr Patel: rpatel@rgreeninf.brent.sch.uk
 - Miss McArthur: cmcarthur@rgreeninf.brent.sch.uk
 - Ms Riley: lriley@rgreeninf.brent.sch.uk
 - Mrs Sophocleous: esophocleous@rgreeninf.brent.sch.uk
 - Mrs Smith: esmith81.304@lgflmail.org
 - Miss Khan: mkhan255.304@lgflmail.org
- ▶ Each child has a class dojo log in that was given in Year 1.