

THE YEAR 2 TEAM

- Badger Class: Mrs Kara-Kerai
- Fox Class: Ms Pandya
Mrs Taylor (Friday)
- Hedgehog Class: Mrs Manoj
- Squirrel Class: Mrs Smith (Monday and Tuesday)
Mrs Sophocleous (Wednesday to Friday)

CURRICULUM

- Teaching and learning in Year 2 will follow as below:

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 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 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.
- 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
- 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 **Monday.**
- Year 2 children may 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, recognising what is right and wrong and how people celebrate birth ceremonies in different faiths.

Foundation Footsteps

During the day, children do lessons in:

- Computing with Mrs A.Vadher
- P.E. with Miss T. Sinclair
- Music with Miss T. Nyandoro
- Art and DT with Mrs E. Smith

WORK AT HOME

- Homework will be given out weekly.
- Spelling words every week (spelling tests).
- A guided reader will be in your child's book bag for them to read to/with you. Please keep them in the zippy wallet provided and bring to school daily. If this book is lost then you will be required to pay £10 to replace the book.
- Books will be allocated on Active Learn regularly. Please make sure your child reads the books and completes the activity
- Children will choose a book from the library/class book corner to read.
- 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
- (Separate to packed lunch water bottles).
- 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.

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
 - Mrs Manoj: smanoj@rgreeninf.brent.sch.uk
 - Mrs Sophocleous: esophocleous@rgreeninf.brent.sch.uk
 - Mrs Smith: esmith81.304@lgflmail.org
 - Mrs Kara-Kerai: skerai@rgreeninf.brent.sch.uk
- ▶ Each child has a class dojo log in that was given in Year 1.