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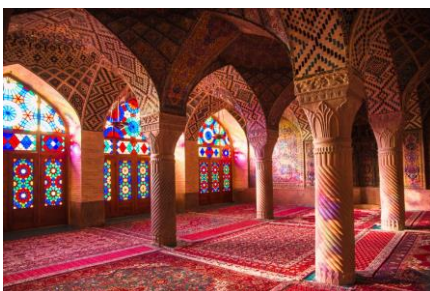
Year 2 Topic Letter – Autumn Term 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 2, I hope you all had a relaxing summer break. This term, our class topic is 'All Around the World', a mostly Geography based topic focusing on the seven continents of the world. It will be a great opportunity to learn about different places in the world and for the children to share their own global connections. We are spending our first two weeks in Europe, starting in London. During the first half term, Year 2 will explore Europe, Asia and Africa. We will study some of the wonders of the world, compare cultures and learn about different traditions. We will link History, Art, DT and Science throughout the term for each country we visit. After half term, we will continue our journey to the other continents: North America, South America, Oceania and finally end up in Antarctica.

In English, we are starting with some poetry and postcard writing focussed on landmarks in London and around Europe. For our fiction work, we will start by reading the Julia Donaldson version of the Chinese tale 'The Magic Paintbrush'. The children will rewrite the tale with their own original ending. We will also study 'Lila and the Secret of Rain', set in Kenya, and 'The Great Explorer', which is about the Antarctic. For our non-fiction work, our first focus will be on writing instructions. The children will first learn how to make a kaleidoscope before writing instructions to teach a friend. The children will link their DT cooking work to writing recipe instructions. After half term, we will write some fact files about Amy Johnson as part of our work around Oceania.



Art and DT this term will be mainly inspired by our visits to Asia and Africa. We will explore wonders of the world such as the Terracotta Warriors, and make our own Chinese inspired dragons. Our first Design and Technology project will be to make Kaleidoscopes inspired by the colourful Nasir-ol-molk Mosque in Iran. We will also be doing some cooking. In History, we will study the Great Fire of London during our work around Europe.

We will also look at key historical figures such as Amy Johnson and Matthew Henson. The children will have lots of opportunities for Geography work – for example, map work around continents and

oceans, looking at flags and exploring human and physical features. Our RE focus will be Christianity.

Our Science learning will be on Living Things and their Habitats before we move on to Animals including Humans after half term. We will be linking our learning around specific animals and habitats to the various locations that the children are learning about in their topic.

The children have made a great start to Maths learning this term. This term, we will focus on place value in numbers up to 100 and addition and subtraction, supporting children to gain a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts. We will focus on: mathematical language, where children will be encouraged to explain their maths thinking, understanding objects and pictures before moving on to symbols and signs then problem solving. The children should be becoming more fluent with their number facts and be able to recall number bonds from memory.

Please read to and with your child daily. I will read formally with your child each week during a guided reading session where the children will change their books. Children will be given two levelled reading books and they will be able to select two books to share with you at home. A list informing you which day your child will change their books will be placed on the classroom door. Children should bring their Book Bags and Reading Records to school **every day**. Please note that children will not be allowed to take books home unless they have their Book Bag in school. If your child does not yet have a Book Bag, please speak to Lisa in the school office where you can purchase one. Each child will also have a Reading Record. This is for you to record your comments on your child's reading, for the children to write about their books (e.g.: whether they enjoyed a book, whether they found it difficult or easy to read and why etc) and for adults in school to make comments too.



Throughout the year, the children will be taught a range of spelling words and rules. Children will be tested on their spellings every two weeks, with a week in between to practise in school. We will send home a supporting list of words for your child to practise, and there are suggestions for activities to support their learning available on our school website.

This term, children will have PE on Monday afternoons with Coach Keeley and football with the Arsenal coaches on Tuesday afternoons. Children should wear trainers and comfortable clothes for these sessions.

Children will be told if there is new home learning set online. Spellings and Fleet Facts should be practised every week, alongside reading every day. Any other home learning tasks will be posted on Seesaw. If you need another copy of your child's Seesaw login, please speak to the office.

Key dates for Year 2 this term

Friday 7th October – Trip to Chinatown (morning only)

Wednesday 12th October – Open Morning

Thursday 13th October – Trip to the October Gallery (morning only)

Thursday 3rd November – Year 2 class tea

Friday 11th November – Trip to the cinema (morning only)

Thursday 24th November – Parent meetings
Friday 2nd December – Infant Show
Monday 12th December – trip to Belsize synagogue

Parent helpers are essential to ensure that trips can go ahead. Please speak to me if you are able to come and help on one of our trips.

We have a great team in Y2 this year. On Wednesdays the class will be taught by Holly Kingham. This year the class will be supported by three class TAs: Sue all day, Mimosa in the mornings and Angela in the afternoons.

Thank you for a great start to the year. If you have any queries, please feel free to speak to me after school or email the office and they will pass it on to me.

Kind regards,

Ruth Hanfling

