

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful summer break. We are excited about the upcoming year and will be kicking off our topic work for Autumn with a focus on London.

We will start this topic with 'Let's Explore London,' which has a geographical focus. Then we will move on to the historical drama of Seventeenth Century London, with its kings, fires and plagues! Below are the details for our curriculum over Year 2, alongside general administrative information for the two classes.

Year 2 Welcome Meeting

The Year 2 team look forward to meeting you all on Wednesday 18th September at 8.40 am. We will introduce ourselves and give an overview of the year ahead. This meeting will take place in 2P.

Parent times

We are available at the following times for you to come in to speak to us. If you prefer to have a phone call, please email the office to arrange a time to speak. If you are unable to make these times then please email us via admin@yerbury.islington.sch.uk to arrange a mutually convenient time.

2P - Monday 3:45pm - 4:15pm

2A - Monday 3:45pm - 4:15pm

Parents' Evenings

Parents Evenings will take place this term. These will be held on Wednesday 4th December and Thursday 5th December- details nearer the time.

Class assemblies

We can't wait to share our class assemblies with you this term:

2P - Thursday 17th October

2A - Wednesday 20th November

PE

Every day it is important to make sure that your children are wearing clothing and footwear that will enable them to be active, as we will be doing 'The Daily Mile' a number of times a week.

Each class will have dance lessons with Daisy once a week every other half term.

Visits

We have an exciting visit planned this term. More information to follow shortly.

Show and Tell

Children can bring an item from home for their Show and Tell, which will take place weekly on a Friday in each class. Please ensure that no precious, fragile, or high-value items are sent in.

Reading and PACT bags

We will continue to read with all children in class each week and we will be sending details of your child's reading day in due course. PACT bags will be sent home on your child's reading day, and should be returned on the same day each week. We will be sending home a reading journal with the reading book each week. In this journal we will record the title of the book, and any key words for your child to practise. Please feel free to make a note of any relevant information in this journal when you have heard your child read.

If you have any urgent communication, please email us instead of using this booklet as we may not see the message until your child's reading day. Children can also bring in a reading book from home to read during quiet times. This book will be kept in their tray.

Water bottles and lunch boxes

Children should continue to bring in a water bottle, clearly labelled with their name. These can be used by the children throughout the day, so please try and ensure that they are able to open these independently. These will be sent home each afternoon for cleaning and refilling for the following day. Please encourage your child to take responsibility for remembering their water bottle every day.

Please also ensure your child is able to open the box and any food packages and containers, particularly flasks. We are a healthy eating school, so lunches should be nutritious and balanced, with no junk food items. Please do not include any food containing nuts.

Homework

This year, Year 2 are moving away from the previous spelling scheme, 'Spelling Shed', to a new scheme 'ELS- Year 2 Spelling.' The children are familiar with ELS, as it is the same scheme that we have used for teaching phonics in Reception and Year 1. Children will have paper homework sent out to practise these spellings on Fridays. Homework will begin in Week 3 and more details will follow.

Medicine

We need two of each medicine e.g. inhalers, EpiPens in school; one for the classroom and one for the medical room. Please ensure that these are brought in to school as soon as possible.

If you have any queries or questions please feel free to contact us.

Best wishes,

Marcus and Josh (2P) Piers and Rosie (2A) and Andrea (PPA)

TOPIC: London		Term: Autumn 2024	Class: 2A/2P
English: Descriptive writing Persuasive Writing Letters and information texts Narrative Poetry	Mathematics: Place Value Addition and Subtraction Equal and Unequal Multiplication	Science: Animals including humans: offspring, basic needs, keeping healthy Environment	
Topic (Geography and History): Let's Explore London The Great Fire of London and the Plague in Seventeenth Century London	Art: London clay sculpture	Music: Note values Exploring pitch Traditional London songs City-inspired composition	
R.E. Who is a Muslim and what do they believe? Who is Jewish and what do they believe?	PHSE Physical health and wellbeing- what keeps me healthy? Emotional wellbeing- the importance of special people in our lives.	P.E. Fundamentals Ball skills	
Computing: Online safety Busy Things Coding algorithms	Proposed visits: TBC	Design & Technology: Food technology: Following and evaluating recipes	