



Year 2 Class Information: Summer 2

Teachers: Miss Stanton, Miss Mead, Mrs Major

**Support Staff: Ms Evans, Mrs Smith, Mrs Pringle
Miss Ward, Miss Sarah, Miss Trigueros**

School value:

Our school value for this half term is **collaboration**. This value will be explored through assemblies, circle time sessions and throughout our daily routines.

Welcome back everyone!

We hope you had a lovely half-term break and enjoyed some of the great weather. This term our learning will continue to be based on 'sustainability'. Please feel free to speak to any of us if you have any questions or a comment about your child's learning. If you wish to speak to any of the class teachers please book an appointment with the school office, **020 8854 5055**, or you can contact us directly, via email on:

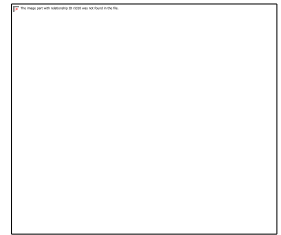
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Year 2's learning this half term:

English: This half term we will be reading 'One Plastic Bag' by Miranda Paul. This is an inspiring, true story of how one African woman began a movement to recycle the plastic bags that were polluting her community. Isatou Ceesay found a way to recycle the bags and transform her community. This inspirational true story shows how one person's actions really can make a difference in our world. In English the children will be using their research skills to write a biography for the main character, Isatou Ceesay.



Curriculum: We will continue to learn about 'Sustainability' looking at how the Sustainable Development Goals achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. Inspired by the work of Isatou Ceesay, the children will be creating their own jewellery, key rings and other objects by using plastic that would otherwise pollute the environment. The children will become change makers. As we approach the end of the learning journey, the children will be reflecting on what they have learnt and how will impact their future decisions.

Geography: In geography, the children will continue to learn about two countries, The Gambia and Argentina. We will be making connections between the inspirational work of Isatou Ceesay in The Gambia to Andrea's Yard in Argentina. The children will be identifying similarities and differences between these two locations.

Maths: In maths this half term, the children will be learning about and consolidating their knowledge and skills for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. It is extremely important that children can confidently solve problems using these four operations before they move on to the next academic year. For each unit, the children will be using and applying their skills to real life contexts.

Science: This term we will be learning about materials. The children will be identifying and describing physical properties of wood, plastic, cardboard, fabric, metal, rock, brick, glass and paper. They will be classifying them based on their properties and uses. We will also be working scientifically by conducting a comparative test to gain a better understanding on the suitability of different materials.



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RE: Through RE we will be exploring 'Sikhism'. We will be looking importance of different traditions and customs of the religion as well as the symbolisms of the faith.

PE: In PE this half term, the children will practice their athletics skills. This involves controlling movements and showing awareness of obstacles. One session a week will be gymnastics.

Art: We are having The Arts Fortnight for two weeks after the half term. Over the two weeks, the children will be learning and singing different songs, as well as acquiring different art skills needed to create their individual and collaborative outcome. We will be researching the work of different artists and use their art for inspiration.

RSE: In RSE, we are going to focus on identifying routines, habits and recognising the importance of sleep and rest. In addition, the children will learning about hygiene and its importance in keeping our bodies healthy.

General Information

PE: PE will take place twice a week, **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**. Please make sure children bring their PE kits at the start of term. They will be taken home again at the end of half term so they can be washed. It is important the children have their PE kit in school every day. They should have suitable clothing and footwear for both indoor and outdoor PE.

Water bottles: Please ensure your child brings a clean, suitable water bottle into class with their name on.

Times Tables: In Year 2 children begin to learn their times tables of their 2s, 5s and 10s.

Reading

The children will do guided reading **every day**, working in groups, reading books at the right level of development for them. Each group will read once a week with the class teacher. We try to make sure it is on the same day each week but this may change.

The children will change their home reading books on a given day, this day will be written in their contact book. Children will choose a banded book to practise reading at their current level as well as a book of free choice to enjoy at home.

Please try to read with your child every day at home for ten minutes. Please feel free to give feedback about how they got on, or the difficulty level of the banded reading book. We appreciate all parental feedback.