

General Information and Reminders

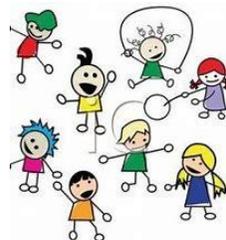
PE

PE will take place on Fridays. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE uniform in school every day:

- blue shorts/tracksuit trousers
- a grey t shirt
- plimsolls or a change of trainers for outside

Please ensure all clothes and plimsolls are clearly labelled with your child's name.

PE in Year 2 is taught by Mr Spadaccini.



Trips/Virtual Visits

The London Buddhist Centre - Monday 28th February

Homework

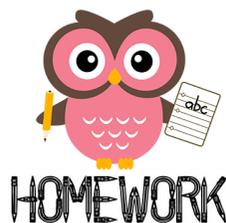
Homework will be sent home on Thursdays and is due back the following Wednesday.

Spellings and times tables will be sent home on *Thursday* and tested on *Wednesday*.

Homework will cover a range of tasks and subjects over the term.

In addition, children will be expected to read regularly and learn weekly spellings and mental maths.

If you feel that your child has spent sufficient time on his/her homework but has not finished the work set that is fine. We all work at different levels, so ensure your child achieves what is appropriate for his/her ability.



Class assembly

Our class assembly this term will take place on **Friday 4th February**. All parents, carers and family members are warmly invited!

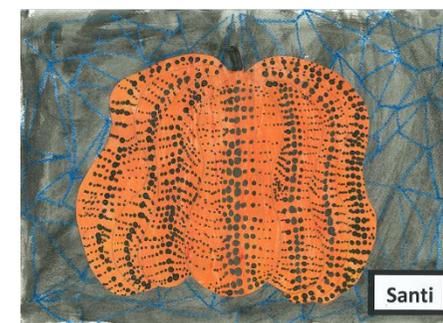
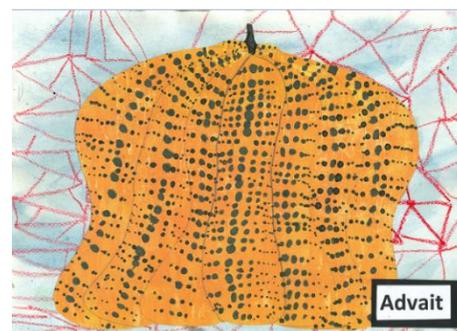
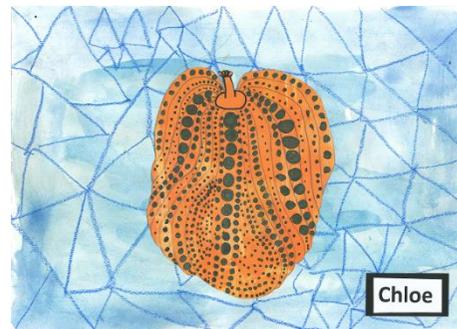
Reminders

- Please ensure all school clothes are named to prevent items getting lost.
- If your child is absent from school, please phone the school office on the first day of absence and write a note on his/her return.
- Your child has been given a Christ Church water bottle. Please make sure your child's water bottle is in school every day.
- **Please do not send sweets or any food/non-food items into school to celebrate birthdays, we are unable to hand these out to the other children in the class. Thank you.**



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Year Two

Spring Term 2022



Year Two

Class Teacher: Miss Dalton
 Support Staff: Miss Rahman and Miss Jess
 Other adults working with Y2: Mr Oliver (Music), Mr Spadaccini (PE) and Madame Pugalía (French)

Welcome to the second term in Year Two. I hope you all had a wonderful, restful Christmas and a very Happy New Year. All the staff in Year 2 are very much looking forward to working with you and your child again this term. If you have any worries or concerns or would like further information about this term's curriculum, please do not hesitate to book an appointment to discuss these with us.

Kind regards, Miss Dalton and the Year 2 team

Retrieval Practice and Spaced Retrieval

"Retrieval practice is the act of recalling information from memory (with no or little support) and every time that information is retrieved, or an answer is generated, it changes that original memory to make it stronger." Kate Jones

We have been focusing on using retrieval practice to help children to learn and progress in all curriculum areas. We carefully think of activities which require children to remember previous learning in different ways to make sure that the children have the best chance of keeping their learning in their long-term memory. One way of doing this is to set homework activities that link directly to learning that the children have done in class. On occasion, we will send homework which links to learning which may have taken place a number weeks before. This is called spaced retrieval because children are asked to remember something after a gap in time.

English



English will be taught through a range of genres this term including Information texts, Poems and Traditional tales from other cultures. The children will revise and consolidate their weekly spellings and will be continuing to develop their cursive handwriting style. Reading will continue to develop children's decoding techniques and will focus more on comprehension of texts.

Maths



We will be covering a range of topics:

- Number and the four operations
- Place value
- Problem solving and reasoning
- Fractions
- Measure
- Shape and data
- Times tables
- Mental calculation

Science



Later this term we will begin some science units, with the majority taking place in the summer term. This term we will begin learning about Living things and their Habitats. As part of this topic we will learn to identify things that are living, things that are dead and things that have never been alive, name different plants and animals in their habitats and explore simple food chains.

Computing



This term we will be building on our coding learning from Rodocodo by coding using Purple Mash. The children will be introduced formally to algorithms and will code more complex things like the use of timers. The children will also look at how to debug (find errors) code in Purple Mash, just as they did in Rodocodo. We will visit the CLC later in the term to design a simple game using coding.

RE



World Faith – Buddhism

We will learn about what Buddhism is and what it means to be a Buddhist. The children will compare different aspects of Buddhism to Christianity. We will also go to a Buddhist Centre where we will be able to experience meditation and learn more about the religion.

Easter

We will be learning about how different symbols teach Christians about the importance of Easter.

History



We will be learning about The Great Fire of London which is important and relevant learning about where the children live. The children will explore when and where the fire happened, how it started, how they tried to stop it and how they planned to prevent further fires in the future. We will learn about the importance of eye-witnesses and sources of evidence when learning about the past.

Geography



We will continue exploring the question, *Are places different around the World?* To do this we will compare the UK with Australia. We have already covered the learning about the UK, we are now looking at Australia and comparing it as we go. Through this topic we are continuing to learn about physical and human features, compass points and how to use maps with simple keys. *If anyone has family in Australia, I would love to hear from you.*

PSHE



Our PSHE week takes place during the week commencing Monday 31st January 2022 and is focused on Keeping healthy and safe. In Year 2 we will be learning about healthy lifestyles, privacy and our bodies. The week will include workshops led by the police about how to keep safe and one about healthy lifestyles.

PE



In the first half of this term we will be covering Health and Fitness. As part of this, we will be learning how to recognise and explain how exercise can contribute to a healthy lifestyle. In the second half of this term, we will be covering Skills Development where the children will begin to use effective communication in pairs and small groups during small-sided games.

Music



In music this term the children will be exploring timbre and looking at different ways in which sound can be generated using our voices, body percussion and musical instruments. We will work in small groups to suggest and create musical ideas and apply them into their own performance pieces.

Art & Design



Linked to our different topics, children will do a range of pieces using different materials and techniques. We also plan to do small studies on different artists looking at their practices and disciplines, making links to the children's own work.

Design & Technology

This term we will be thinking about where the food we eat comes from and how it fits into the five groups in the Eatwell Guide. We will make a cold dish while focusing on our learning about hygienic food preparation. We will also use different cutting/chopping techniques like the bridge and the claw.

Please see the reverse for general reminders and some key dates!