

Term 3

MEND Programme

Thursday 17th
January, 3.30pm—
5pm (then weekly)

Year 2 Open Class

Wednesday 23rd
January, 9am

International Mother Language Day

Thursday 14th
February, 3pm

Celebration: bring in a dish from your country's culture to celebrate diversity with your child's class (nut free).

British Museum Trip

Friday 1st February

Year 2 will explore artefacts and information all about Ancient Rome as part of our History unit.

Book at Bedtime Event

Thursday 5th
February

Welcome back to school Year 2! We had a fantastic Autumn Term. We would like to thank you for your communication and support in Term 2, and look for your continued support in the Spring Term.

English

Reading: We will be continuing guided reading sessions this term. These small reading groups ensure that all children read with a teacher, at least once a week and are able to answer comprehension questions based on what they have read.

At home, please continue to read with your child every night, asking them questions about the book! You can find prompts and suggestions for comprehension questions in the Phonics Reading Record Log that your child brings home. This is really helping their learning—thank you.

Handwriting: All children must be using cursive handwriting. It is essential for you to support and encourage your children to practise this, using letters of an appropriate size. This is part of end of Year 2 expectations for assessment.

Spelling: This term, we will be testing spelling lists set for homework every Wednesday in class. Please continue to practise the weekly spelling rule as well as common exception words.

Writing: At the start of this term, Year 2 will be exposed to more writing genres, such as letters and a newspaper report based on a range of texts by the author, Mini Grey. At home, please continue to explore different types of texts with your child.



Art

In Art, the children in Year Two will be learning about one of the spells in the Ancient Egyptian Book of the Dead. They will learn about papyrus paper and then make their own version of it. They will learn about Hieroglyphics and have a go at writing using the symbols. They will design their own monstrous devourer by combining two or three animals together. They will then re-create their design in three-dimensional form using clay.



Key Words: monstrous devourer, River Nile, papyrus, hieroglyphics, feather of truth, three-dimensional, form.

PSHE

This term we will be focusing on E- Safety, managing emotions and discussing the differences

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REMINDERS

Homework

Homework (both Maths and English homework) will be given out on a Friday and should be handed in on a Tuesday, every week. Once a month, there will be Maths with Parents task set online.

Reading Folders

Manchester reading folders must be returned on a **Tuesday**

Liverpool reading folders must be returned on a **Friday**

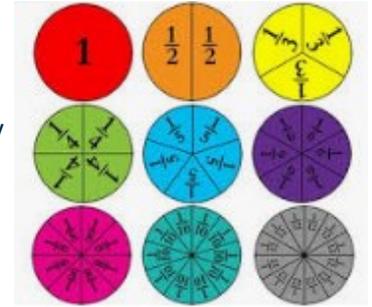
PE Kit

This needs to be in on a Monday for lessons.

Maths:

This term in Maths the children will be exploring time and will be able to tell the time to five minute intervals, quarter to and quarter past. We will also focus on the real life concept of time and duration in a range of word problems. Next, they will study fractions, where they will work on finding fractions of lengths, shapes and quantities of objects. Finally, the children will practice addition and subtraction, with regrouping and adjusting.

Key words: minutes, intervals, hours, sequence, duration, analogue, quarter past, quarter to, numerator, denominator, whole, proportion, share.



Please continue to practise Learn Its daily as these will be tested weekly on a Wednesday. Playing on Mathletics is also really helpful for children's mathematical fluncy.

Geography

In Geography we will be exploring the water cycle and rivers around the world. We will use this knowledge to debate the impact of pollution on our environment and ways to reduce it.

Key words: river, tributary, channel, river source, river mouth, water cycle, evaporation, condensation, pollution, environment.

History

In History this term, we will be learning about the growth of the Roman Empire. We will learn about Hannibal and his War Elephants and Julius Caesar and his failed invasion of Britain.



Key words: empire, invade, conquer, Carthage, governor, tribes, rebellion.

Science

This term children will explore and identify how animals are adapted to suit their environments. Children will learn about a variety of habitats and the plants and animals that live there. They make observations and investigate conditions of different habitats and how this affects the animals that live there. We will also explore classification and food chains.

Key words: living, dead, habitat, growth, life processes, observation, suited, microhabitat, ocean, rainforest, desert, predator, prey, food chain.

PE

This term, Liverpool class will be learning Football with Mr Humphries.

Key words: passing, dribbling, shooting, control, attack, defence.

Manchester class will be focusing on Dance with Ms Hodge.

Key words: tempo, dynamics, levels, pathway, canon, unison, gesture.