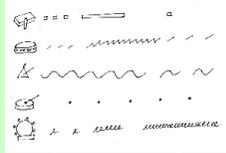


Music

We will continue with our weekly music lessons with Miss Heather.

We will be developing our music vocabulary with more wonderful star words such as "ostinato" (a repeated pattern in music.) The children will also create their own musical rhythms and will start to record them on scores.

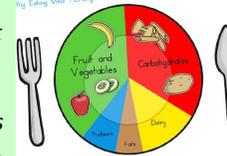


PSHE

Next half term in PSHE we will be focusing on **Healthy Me**.

Part of this unit will build on our understanding of the human body from Autumn term and we will be looking at what our body needs to be healthy.

We will be learning about different food groups and what our body needs each day to be healthy. We will also be looking at what relaxes us and what situations stresses us. Finally we will be making some healthy snacks and learning why they are good for our bodies.



Art

Year 2 will continue to carry out Art lessons this half term with Kate, our specialist art teacher. The children will begin by looking at the history of the underground map and then they will create their own maps linked to Hackney on long small pieces of paper. The children will then decorate a matchbox to contain their map.

Year 2 will visit the Tate Modern in Week 2 of the half term. The children will be part of ASSEMBLY where 1500 children will be part of the take over at the Tate. A letter about this trip will come out before the holidays. Parent help will be very much appreciated.

Please Remember...

To label all children's belongings. It will make pairing up children's coats and jumpers much easier!

Forest School will be every Tuesday afternoon. Please provide appropriate footwear for this and ensure your child is wearing the school coat.

PE will continue to be on a Monday and Wednesday. Please make sure that your child has their PE kit and plimsolls or trainers.

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Year 2



Literacy

We will continue with weekly spelling with a focus being on spelling rules. You can help at home by practising the common exception words for Year 2. These are words such as 'beautiful' that have no spelling rule and can not be spelt phonetically. Please find the list of Year 2, common exception words attached.

The children will be exploring personal writing genres such as diaries. The children will also write diary entries for a character they have created themselves.

The children will also be learning about communication texts such as letters and emails. The children will be exploring the formal and informal language that is used for different purposes and audiences. They will then use this information to create an email, and invitation.

We will be continuing with our weekly grammar lessons in readiness for SATs at the end of the half term.

Mathematics

During the first week, the children will be completing the unit on shape. The children will explore the properties of 2-D and 3-D shapes. They will be introduced to right angles and lines of symmetry within 2-D shapes. The children will develop their understanding of rotations and turns in terms of quarter, half and three-quarter turns, both clockwise and anti-clockwise.

Next the children will cover numbers within 1000 which will be the first time children are formally introduced to 3-digit numbers. Children will use the greater than and less than symbols to compare numbers within 1000. Children will also use their knowledge of 1000 to help them read scales such as millilitres.

The children will then move on to a 2-week unit on Measuring Capacity and Volume. This unit introduces the children to temperature and develops their understanding of capacity and volume. This unit provides an opportunity to apply understanding of number and addition and subtraction in the context of measures.

Topic

We will be learning more about the history of Hackney. We will start this unit by visiting the Museum of Hackney to take part in a workshop called "A Suitcase into the Past." This trip will be on the 17th of April during the afternoon.

In Geography we will use maps, atlases and globes to identify countries, continents and oceans. We will also look at the similarities and differences between a small area in a contrasting non-European country to the UK. We will look at the human and physical geography in both locations to help us.

In Science we will be looking at animals (including humans) and their offspring. We will keep tracking the progress of our frogspawn in order to see the lifecycle of a frog process in action. We will consider all the basic needs for survival. Lastly we will learn about the importance for humans to exercise and why it is important to eat the right amount of different food types.

Religious Education

We are continuing our unit of celebrations and festivals. This half term we will be focusing on Islam learning more about Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr. We will be learning about the importance of fasting during the month of Ramadan and how Eid al-Fitr is celebrated. This year it begins in the evening on Thursday 14th June and ends in the evening on Friday 15th June.

Physical Education

In PE this half term we will be beginning our athletics unit, to ready ourselves for Athletics Day in Summer 2. The children will explore running, jumping and throwing activities and take part in simple challenges and competitions. They will experiment with different ways of travelling, throwing and jumping, increasing their awareness of speed and distance.



How can you help me at home?

Please keep practising letter formation and handwriting at home. Ask your child to show you the letter joins that they have been practising at school.

Start spelling some of the Year 2 'Common exception words' from the list attached as these are trickier to learn as they don't have a spelling rule! E.g. 'clothes', 'any' and 'people'.