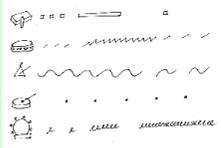


## Music

We will continue with our weekly music lessons using Music Express.

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.



## Art

Year 2 will continue to carry out art lessons this half term with Ms 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. They will then decorate a matchbox to contain their map. They will also be creating 3D structures of UK landmarks.

## Spanish

In Spanish, children will be learning the names of animals, describing animals and the plural form of the animals they are learning about. Children will learn through games, songs, role play activities and start to compile their own Spanish vocabulary banks.

## PSHCE

Next half term in PSHCE we will be focusing on relationships.

This will focus on relationships with our family, friends and members of our community. We will be talking about differences between families, conflict resolution and when it is appropriate to keep secrets.

We will be reading books like 'Frog Makes a Friend' and 'Mr Big' to help us discuss our feelings and ideas around friendship.



## Please Remember...

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

Outdoor Adventures will be every Monday afternoon. Please provide appropriate footwear for this. We are always looking for and very much appreciate parent helpers at Outdoor Adventures. If you can help out regularly or even as a one off, please let the Year 2 teacher or the office know.

PE will be on Fridays at Petchey Academy and swimming on Wednesdays. Please make sure that your child has their kit.

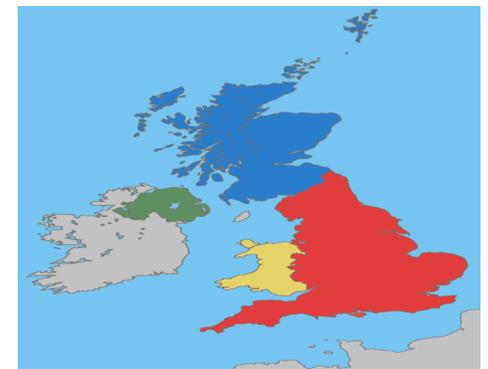
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## Curriculum Information: Summer 1 Amazing Spaces and Places in the UK

## Year 2



## Literacy

We will continue with weekly spelling with a focus 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 1 and Year 2, common exception words attached.

Ms Andrew's group will continue to explore a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts from popular authors. We are focusing on improving our authors' voices and becoming increasingly more accurate with our grammar.

In Ms Beckford, Ms Tracey and Ms Clarke's groups children will continue on the **Read Write Inc.** phonics program. They will practise using sounds to spell unfamiliar words with a focus on words with suffix endings and the past tense. Children will write weekly in a variety of genres as well as explore fiction and non fiction texts.

We will be continuing with our grammar and reading comprehension focus in readiness for our end of Key Stage assessments.

## Religious Education

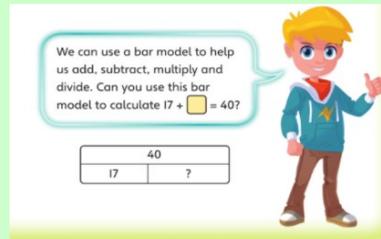
This half term we will be focusing on Islam and learning more about the pilgrimage Hajj. We will be learning about the importance of this holy journey, where it takes place and what happens. We will also talk about the upcoming holy month of Ramadan.



## Mathematics

Children will cover 'problem solving and efficient methods'. In this unit we will explore ways of calculating, use mental addition and subtraction, look for the most efficient way to solve a problem, use number facts to solve problems and solve word problems involving all 4 operations.

The children will then move on to a unit on 'position and direction'. Here we will describe movement, describe turns and make patterns by turning shapes.



## How can you help me at home?

Continue to practise handwriting at home. We have also attached a tricky word sheet to help you with your spellings. Remember these words are tricky because they do not follow normal spelling rules.

Please support your children to be secure on their 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s times table.

## Topic

Our topic will be **Amazing Places and Spaces in the UK.**

In geography we will be learning about the geographical features of the UK including Hackney. This will include using local maps and maps of London to help us find the physical and human features around us. We will also be utilising google earth to help us get an overview of Hackney.

In Science we will be learning about animals and humans. We will be discovering which animals live in Hackney and how we can encourage wildlife in our local area. This will include classifying animals, exploring their habitats and comparing different animals' features. A lot of this learning will take place outside.



## Physical Education

In PE we will be beginning our athletics unit, to ready ourselves for Sports Day in Summer 2. The children will explore running, jumping and throwing activities and take part in simple challenges and competitions.

# Year 1 and 2 Common Exception Words

## Year 1

the	they	one
a	be	once
do	he	ask
to	me	friend
today	she	school
of	we	put
said	no	push
says	go	pull
are	so	full
were	by	house
was	my	our
is	here	
his	there	
has	where	
I	love	
you	come	
your	some	

## Year 2

door	gold	plant	clothes
floor	hold	path	busy
poor	told	bath	people
because	every	hour	water
find	great	move	again
kind	break	prove	half
mind	steak	improve	money
behind	pretty	sure	Mr
child	beautiful	sugar	Mrs
children	after	eye	parents
wild	fast	could	Christmas
climb	last	should	everybody
most	past	would	even
only	father	who	
both	class	whole	
old	grass	any	
cold	pass	many	