

# Year 2 Autumn Term Newsletter

September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 2!

We hope you have all enjoyed the summer holidays and that the children are ready for the new term ahead. We are looking forward to introducing the classes to many new and exciting activities and we are sure they will enjoy working in their new classrooms too!

## **This term our big questions are:**

Autumn 1: What would you see on an African Adventure?

Autumn 2: What would find in a nurse's pocket?

Some of the things we will be learning include:

<u>Maths</u> Place Value Addition and Subtraction Money Multiplication	<u>English</u> Nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs Punctuation – capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks Writing for different purposes - retelling, letters, poems, diary entries, instructions, reports	<u>Geography</u> Life in Kenya, continents and oceans
<u>Science</u> Living Things and their Habitats	<u>History</u> The lives of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole Remembrance Guy Fawkes	<u>RE</u> Christianity-What did Jesus teach? Christmas – Jesus as a gift from God

## **P.E. days**

Thursday and Friday for Mrs Rodger and Miss Holmes' Class

Wednesday and Thursday for Mrs Belben's class

## **Reading**

Over the last week we have started re-assessing the children on our reading scheme and will now be sending books home. If we have not heard your child read yet, we will hear them in the coming week. Please let us know how they get on by commenting in the reading record book. Please prioritise spending time reading with your child. It is beneficial both to listen to your child reading and to read stories aloud to them. Once children are fluent readers, it is still crucially important to read, as it increases vocabulary, helps with spelling and also opens up children's minds and imaginations in a way that helps them to learn across the curriculum.

**Reading Books should be returned to school by Wednesday of the following week. We will only change the books if there is a comment or signature to confirm they have been read.**

## **Phonics**

During the Autumn term the children will be sitting the phonics check that they would have completed at the end of Year 1, which was postponed due to COVID.

## **Homework**

Homework will be varied and sent home on a Friday. It should be returned by the following Friday. Spellings will be sent home for the term next week and will be tested every Friday.

If there is anything you would like to tell us or if you have any queries, please feel free to speak to us at the end of the day or email us at the home learning email address: [homelearning@bickley.bromley.sch.uk](mailto:homelearning@bickley.bromley.sch.uk). We will be checking emails regularly but if there is anything urgent please let the office know.

We are looking forward to a happy and exciting year in Year 2 and are looking forward to getting to know you and your children as the year progresses.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Belben, Mrs Rodger and Miss Holmes