

Year 2 Autumn Term Newsletter

September 2022

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 might you find in a nurse's pocket?

These relate to our topics in geography and history.

Some of the things we will be learning include:

<u>Maths</u> Place Value Addition and Subtraction - up to using two 2-digit numbers Shape - learning to recognise and name 2D and 3D shapes - exploring the properties of these shapes	<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 - learning about the people and wildlife of Kenya Continents and oceans - mapwork to locate Kenya within the continent of Africa
<u>Science</u> Living things and their habitats - exploring the many and varied places in which living things can survive - learning why different habitats support the needs of all animal and plant life	<u>History</u> The lives of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole Remembrance Guy Fawkes	<u>RE</u> How do people show their beliefs and values? Sikkism, Judaism, Islam Christianity

Reading

We will be sending reading books home this Friday and will be reassessing the children over the next couple of weeks to check their reading level

Please let us know how they get on with their reading by commenting in the reading record book. We hope you will enjoy spending time reading with your child and discussing the stories or information in each book.

It is beneficial both to listen to your child reading each day, and to read stories aloud to them. Once children are fluent readers, it is still crucially important for them to read with an adult, as this increases understanding of 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 Book changing days will be Wednesday for Mrs Belben's class and Thursday for Miss Miller and Miss Waters' class.

Please make sure your child's books are returned by these days.

We will change the books if there is a comment and signature to confirm they have been read.

Maths

You can help to support your child with quick recall of the addition and subtraction facts using all numbers up to 20, as this will secure a firm foundation for all the number work which is to come. E.g., if you say '13', they should be able to say '7.'

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 on Wednesdays for Class 2MW and Fridays for Class 2B.

P.E. days

Tuesday and Thursday for Miss Miller and Miss Waters' class

Thursday and Friday for Mrs Belben's class

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 .

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, Miss Miller and Miss Waters