

Reminders:

- Please make sure your child arrives between 8:40 and 8:50 am
- Please remember to leave a message on the absence line if your child is not well enough to come to school.
- All clothing should be clearly named.
- All children from Reception to Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal.



Swimming and PE Lessons

- Year 2 are swimming Term 3.
- Please make sure your child has a swimsuit and towel for every Tuesday session.
- Please ensure your child brings a verruca sock to swimming if they need it.
- We do PE every week so ensure your child has their named PE kit with them at the start of each week.



The Year 2 Team

Mrs Clemo (right) teaches Potter Class, Mrs Kyle (centre) teaches Picasso Class and Mrs Birkett (left) teaches Postgate Class.

Please don't hesitate to speak to us at the end of the day if you have a question/problem. If you have an urgent message for us please tell the staff on the gate, who will pass the information on.

Many thanks for all your support.



Joy Lane Primary School Year 2 Newsletter

Terms 3 & 4

Happy New Year! We hope you have returned to school feeling refreshed after the Christmas break. We are raring to go, as these terms are always ones where the children really find their feet. We're sure you'll watch them blossom! This newsletter is an overview of the new learning themes for Terms 3 and 4.



We are excited to be learning about...Brilliant Britain!

We will be learning all about Britain this term. This will enable us to explore the geographical features of London as well as becoming royal experts. In art we will be creating portraits. Additionally, in science we will be learning about living things and we're sure the children will love the opportunity to become experts about their favourite animal.



Marvellous Meerkats!

We will be exploring Africa and comparing life in hot and cold countries.



We are sure the children will also produce wonderful writing inspired by the Emily Gravett picture book 'Meerkat Mail'.



Year 2 Learning Themes

Here is an overview of some of the things we will be doing at school:

Literacy:

We will be becoming confident with reading and writing non-fiction texts. We will apply our writing skills to information texts about the Queen and London, as well as writing our own humorous stories about the Queen. Continuing to write for a range of purposes, we will write instructions, read and write in response to stories from around the world, with recounts and explanations. We will continue to extend our writing with a range of conjunctions (and, but, because) as well as examining the types of sentences that we use, and their grammatical features. We will also be preparing for the national Year 2 English grammar, punctuation and spelling assessment (SPaG). This will see a drive on spelling rules and applying this to our writing.



Mathematics:

We will build on our understanding of number and place value. We will learn how to use the greater and less than symbols and use them to compare numbers. Number bonds for all numbers from 0 – 20 will be a focus. We will also tackle number sentences with missing numbers. Ongoing, we will be deepening our understanding of multiplication as repeated addition and how this can support our learning of 2, 3, 5, and 10 times tables. Ask your child what their times table target is. We will apply all of this learning to problem solving and reasoning to develop our maths in real-life situations.



Supporting your child at home:

All of our learning in school can be further supported at home. Practising key skills and recalling facts little and often can be done in a fun way by accessing a range of games and apps:

<http://www.ictgames.com/> (for maths and literacy)

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?cat=40> (SPaG)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/levels/z3g4d2p> (English and Maths tabs)

Homework:

The biggest change this term is the introduction of weekly on-line maths homework. This will be set on My Maths website every Tuesday and children will have the whole week to complete the tasks or to improve their score. There are also many fun games on the website which will help your child improve on essential skills whilst having fun!

We hope your child is enjoying our new reading books. Daily reading should be recorded in the yellow reading record and spelling practice in the green spelling book. Look out for our new reading reward system; details to follow. The homework wheel will consist of a variety of activities linked to every curriculum area. Your child should complete one activity from the wheel each week, which they can record in their homework journal if appropriate. We look forward to celebrating your successes within the class!

Please feel free to use your yellow reading record to share any messages and concerns so we are able to get back to you.



Spellings:

Spellings can be changed on a Tuesday and Friday. Children will practise 8 sets of their given colour and once they are confident in them they will be tested in class. If they can spell the majority of the words independently they will move to the next set. If they need further practice they will have the opportunity to revisit spellings from the previous weeks.