



# YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER

## AUTUMN TERM 2018

### Welcome!

Welcome back to school and to the new school year. We hope that you have had a wonderful summer break and are looking forward to working with us to support your child with their learning.

#### Dates for your diary:

**W/B 10<sup>th</sup> September** – Clubs start this week

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October** – Perform4schools workshop – The Great Fire of London.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October** - Class Assembly for Parents / Carers 2.45pm

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October** – School closes for half term

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October** – School opens

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November** – Trip to Pizza Express Coulsdon

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November** – INSET Day

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November** – INSET Day

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Trip to Pantomime

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – School closes for Christmas holiday at 2.15pm

### Learning Challenge

In our literacy reading programme - Success for all, the children will be grouped for learning according to their reading ability. Writing is taught as a whole class lesson and will be linked to topic work. In addition, children will have opportunities during the week to practice their weekly spellings and handwriting.

Maths mastery lessons will take place every day. This is where all children are taught the same curriculum with a focus on developing deeper understanding and securing fluency.

Our IPC topics this term are Brainwave, People of the Past and We Are What We Eat. Further information about these topics is attached.

There are a number of exciting activities planned for this term. Further information will be sent in due course. The children will all be introduced to our new Edible Garden, we will be visiting our new school library, taking part in a new initiative called Votes for Schools, learning how to play an instrument called an Ocarina and enjoying trips to Pizza Express and Redhill Pantomime – Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

### P.E.

PE will be taught by our Crystal Palace coach on a Monday afternoon but PE kits need to be at school **every day**. Even though we have allocated PE days, sometimes PE days will change due to unforeseen circumstances. **Jewellery is not permitted** and any children wearing it will be asked to take it off. Any earrings must be **stud earrings**, any other designs will be covered up with plasters.

## Celebrations

Every week we hold a Golden Book Assembly where we celebrate children's achievements both in and outside school. If your child has recently done something that they are particularly proud of and would like to share their success with everyone, please encourage them to bring this information in so that it can be shared in assembly.

## Attendance and Punctuality

We cannot stress enough the importance of regular attendance and punctuality to give the children every opportunity to progress in all areas of the curriculum. Please remember that registration is at 8.55am and that children can come in to the classroom at 8.45am.

Any child arriving after 8.55am must come in via the school office and will be marked as late.

## Other Information

Please drop your child at the classroom door. We expect the children to come into the classroom **by themselves** each morning. They need to independently hang up their coats and settle to early morning work, which will be set out on the tables.

## Home Learning

**Reading:** The children should be reading every night as this will greatly help their progress. Please make sure you sign your child's reading diary to show us that they have read and any comments are greatly appreciated.

**Spelling:** We will give your child a list of words to learn to spell on a Friday. Spelling tests will be on the following Friday so you will have a week to practice each set of words. We will begin by re-visiting the Year 1 common exception words to ensure that these words can be spelt independently by all children. Our focus will then be to learn the Year 2 common exception words.

**Homework Menu:** Activities will be linked to our IPC topic. It is helpful if when an activity is completed that your child's homework book is submitted for marking on a Wednesday. This will then be returned to you on the Friday.

**Maths:** To begin with Year 2 children will benefit from practicing number bonds to 10/20 so that they can quickly recall these number facts and re-visit the x2 x5 x10 times tables taught in Year 1.

