



# Kensington Class Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2022

Welcome to Year 2. We have lots of exciting learning to look forward to in our first half term in Kensington Class. We begin by travelling to the Arctic with our topic 'Arctic Adventure.'

### *English – Reading & Phonics*

In Year 2, the children will continue to follow the school reading scheme to make progress through their level at their own pace. The expectation in Year 2 is for children to read at home at least 3 times in the week and record this in their Reading Diaries. This record of reading is recorded and rewarded in school using our 'Bee A Reader' initiative.

Reading recorded:

1 time = 1 house point      3 times = 2 house points      5 times = 3 house points

#### **Monster Phonics:**

This half term the children will move into the next phase of phonics. We will be covering the graphemes; 'dge', 'g', 'c', 'kn', 'gn', 'wr', 'le, el, il, al'. We will also explore what happens when adding suffixes to words ending in e and y.

Online Monster Phonics books linked to the sounds will be assigned each Monday for the week. You will receive this link via SeeSaw.

### *English – Writing, handwriting, grammar, punctuation, and spelling*

We follow the National Curriculum for the delivery of skills in writing, grammar, punctuation and spelling. The books that we will explore this term will allow opportunities to learn and rehearse these skills. Such as, use capital letters, full stops, question and exclamation marks, use apostrophe for contractions and possession. The children will begin to read confidently using expression and use a variety of strategies to decode words for reading and spelling, empathise with a character and make predictions about a text. They will begin to write clearly recognising some of the features for different genres while understanding the purpose and audience for their writing. The children will continue to use a variety of conjunctions, interesting vocabulary and adjectives and begin to develop their joined handwriting style using the Letterjoin font style.

Weekly spellings will be linked to the Monster Phonics taught.



During the first half term we will enjoy our unit based on 'Lost Words'. We will explore the pages, get to know the unfamiliar words and examine rich vocabulary and language.

Our English work will then be linked to our Geography topic 'Arctic Adventure' and we will delve into a variety of fiction and non-fiction books as our inspiration.

### *Maths*

Following the White Rose scheme of work Year 2 will focus on the following units during the Autumn term: **Number – Place Value, Number – Addition and Subtraction, Geometry – Shape** To support your child at home please practice number bonds to 10, 20 and 100 and counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s

## Science

### Uses of Everyday Materials:

In this unit children will identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard, for particular uses. They will find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching. In addition children will explore and discuss the importance of recycling.

## Other Curriculum Subjects

### Geography: Arctic Adventure

In this topic, we will be exploring the Arctic. The children will use a map to locate countries in the Arctic circle, identify physical and human features of the Arctic and compare the way of life in the Arctic to Bishops Itchington.

### RE: Judaism

In RE this term, we will be learning about the Jewish religion. We will consider -Who is a Jew and what do they believe? We will also explore how Judaism compares with Christianity

### PSHE: Being Me In My World

The children will have the opportunity within circle time and class activity to discuss their hopes and fears for the year and what it means to have rights and responsibilities.

### PE:

PE is on a Monday and Friday afternoon.

**Monday** – Autumn 1 Fundamental Movement  
– Autumn 2 Gymnastics

**Friday** – Autumn 1 Throwing and catching  
– Autumn 2 Hockey

Please ensure your child has their full kit in school for these days. White T-shirt, PE shorts and trainers

### Art & Design:

In this Arctic themed art unit, the children will learn to layer a variety of mixed media, begin to place subjects considering composition and explore the use of colour and line

### Design & Technology:

During this unit, children will use sewing and joining techniques to make sock puppets. They will combine different attaching techniques and practice sewing

### Computing: Spreadsheets

The children will be introduced to 2Calculate, a simple spreadsheet. They will learn vocabulary specific to spreadsheets and combine maths understanding and data collection to complete activities in class. We will also discuss online safety during this term. Our Autumn 2 topic will be **Coding** where the children will plan and use algorithms in programs successfully to achieve an end result.

### Music: Stepping into the Movies

An opportunity for the children to learn a song from a movie and join in a programme to perform

## Homework

Expectation in Year 2 is that all children read and record their reading from their school banded book and practice their weekly spellings often in readiness for their weekly test. Times table focus for this half term are x2,x5 and x10

*We do hope that your child enjoys their term of this academic year with us. If you do have any worries or concerns, please feel free to contact me on SeeSaw, or speak to one of the Year 2 Team. Mrs Russell and Mrs Hughes*