

WELCOME TO YEAR 2!

Mrs Kwaja
Miss Cresswell
Miss Mahara

THE YEAR 2 TEAM...

- ◉ Class Teachers:

2K - Mrs Kwaja

2C - Miss Cresswell

2M - Miss Mahara

- ◉ Teaching Assistants:

Ms Barth

Mrs Sw Patel

Mrs Zafar

Mrs Se Patel

Miss Jeanes

- ◉ Additional Support:

Mrs Holgate

Mr Godfrey

OUR HALF TERM TOPICS

Autumn 1: Famous People

Autumn 2: Sparks and Flames

Spring 1: The Far East

Spring 2: Animal Adventures

Summer 1: Influential Monarchs

Summer 2: Carnivals Near and Far

*Most subjects taught will be based on the half termly theme
with cross-curricular links.*

END OF YEAR EXPECTATIONS

**Children are assessed against the Year 2
Expectations in:**

- Reading
- Writing
- Phonics
- Maths

Other subject areas are teacher assessed
throughout the year.

*The end of year expectation document and curriculum
maps can be found on the school website under the
'Curriculum' tab.*

HOME LEARNING

- Starting from this week, children will be set home learning weekly. It will be available from **Friday** and due by **Wednesday**.

This week's work will be available on DB Primary but will move onto Google Classroom shortly.

- Maths** - Linked to the week's learning or as a recap of knowledge.
- English** - Linked to skills the children need to practise such as punctuation or grammar. They may also be linked to the week's learning tasks.
- Sometimes there will be science or topic work instead of English.*
- Spelling** - Either Group 1 or Group 2 spellings. Children will be tested on these spellings on Thursday.

READING

- ◉ Please bring into school every day.
- ◉ Reading books will be changed on a Monday and a Thursday. The children will be in charge of changing their own reading book.
- ◉ At home reading for 10 minutes daily. Please ask your child questions about the text throughout their reading and comment in their reading records.
- ◉ Children's reading will be assessed on a regular basis, and their progress will be determined by their phonic awareness, fluency and comprehension skills in a range of books.
- ◉ Reading to your child - Aids use of expression, builds vocabulary and provides a chance to have discussions based on their ideas and opinions.
- ◉ MyOns - Great resource for children to read a range of texts and complete quizzes.

PHONICS

- ◉ The children will be completing a National Phonics Screening Check during Autumn 2.
- ◉ The check will focus on children's recognition of the 44 phonic sounds and their blending skills.
- ◉ Children will be required to read a set of 40 real and nonsense words that include a range of the 44 phonic sounds they have learnt.
- ◉ Please encourage your children to practise their sounds using real and nonsense words.
- ◉ There will be regular phonic sessions throughout the week to support this.

ASSESSMENT

- ◉ In the Summer term the children will be complete non-statutory KS1 Assessments (SATs)
- ◉ These consist of assessments for reading, mathematics and SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar).
- ◉ Throughout the year, the children will complete practise assessments to identify gaps and familiarise the children with the format of the tests.
- ◉ The assessments and practise will help to inform teacher planning and be used for the transition from KS1 to KS2.
- ◉ There will be a meeting which will provide you with more information in Spring 1 (January).

WAYS TO HELP YOUR CHILD AT HOME

We are often asked about other things parents could do at home to support their child. Below is a list of ideas:

- ◉ Reading and spelling Year 1 & 2 Common Exception words.
- ◉ Learn 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables.
- ◉ Keep a diary about their weekend or key events.
- ◉ Read different types of books - newspapers, magazines, adverts.
- ◉ Tell the time at different points in the day.
- ◉ Helping pay for items in the shop to understand money.

TRIPS

- ◉ **Autumn 1:** Visit by Crew - Florence Nightingale workshop.
- ◉ **Autumn 2:** Visit by Crew - The Great Fire of London
- ◉ Trips later in the year will be confirmed in due course.

REWARDS

- Behaviour expectations are set within the class and discussed with the children.
- We follow a Merit and Commendations rewards system. This is displayed within the classroom and children can collect merits for Teamwork, Citizenship or Learning.
- Each week there will be an achievement assembly where children can receive a certificate.
- Other rewards can include - verbal praise, golden time, stickers and extra playtime.



PE & UNIFORM

- ◉ Please label all uniform clearly.
- ◉ PE is on a **Wednesday and Thursday**. Children will come into school on these days in their PE Kit.
- ◉ In Autumn 2 the children will have PE on Thursday and Friday.
- ◉ No earrings on P.E. days (small studs only permitted in school) Please tape up earrings that cannot be removed.

SAFEGUARDING

- ◉ Safeguarding at Grimsdyke School is everyone's responsibility. Everyone who comes into contact with children and families has a role to play in safeguarding- identifying concerns, sharing information and taking prompt action.
- ◉ Any information or concerns have to be shared confidentially with our Safeguarding Lead, Mr Sutherland. The Deputy Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Bhudia and the Designated Safeguarding Teacher is Mrs Curry.
- ◉ For any more information on this please see our policy on our school website.

GETTING IN TOUCH

The school keeps close links with parents via..

- ◉ Grimsdyke Newsletter
- ◉ Schoolcomms
- ◉ School website
- ◉ Twitter
- ◉ Noticeboard outside of school entrance
- ◉ DB Primary
- ◉ Soon - Google Classroom

CONTACT INFORMATION

- ◉ To contact us you may use our email address:
year2@grimsdyke.harrow.sch.uk

If there are any changes to medication or allergies,
please let us know.

If someone different is going to be collecting your
child, then please email
year2@grimsdyke.harrow.sch.uk before 12 noon on
the day. Any emails after this time will not be read as
teachers are in class. In this case, please phone or
email **attendance@grimsdyke.harrow.sch.uk**

**THANK
YOU**