



April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer term has come around quickly! It has been brilliant working with year 2 over the last two terms and we are very excited to get started with Summer Term. We hope that you had a good Easter break and are well rested for the busy term ahead.

This term the children will be learning:

History

We know the children really enjoyed their *Great Fire of London* unit! They were so curious and inquisitive and I'm sure they've filled you in on all the interesting facts we learnt! In Summer, we will be doing another History unit - **Ancient Egypt**. We will be learning about how the Ancient Egyptians lived, as well as looking at Howard Carter as a significant figure in History. The children will be taking part in an archaeology day, where they will take a 'flight' to Egypt 1922 to uncover some Egyptian artefacts! Look out for our *Ancient Egyptian* knowledge organiser, which will appear on the website soon.

English and Maths

In English we will be developing reading and writing skills, supporting children to spell words using their knowledge of letter sounds, and introducing the children to a wide range of texts. We will be reading some exciting new books to inspire our writing; *Something Else* by Kathryn Cave and *Diary of a Killer Cat* by Anne Fine. The children will also continue to have daily reading activities and read to us during guided reading sessions. We will continue to focus on handwriting. We would appreciate your support with handwriting practice at home.

In Maths, we will begin a unit on **Money** and the children will continue to develop their understanding of addition and subtraction, as well as the value of coins. We will then move onto looking at **Number within 1,000**, before a unit of **Mass, Capacity and Volume**. We will also start to send home some 'maths facts' for the children to practise for a weekly quiz; this will work a little bit like our spelling quiz. The facts might include things like $7+3=10$, $2 \times 4 = 8$, $\frac{1}{2}$ of 10 is 5. These are all key arithmetic facts that the children should be able to recall quickly. Y2 have responded fantastically to our weekly spelling quizzes and we think this is something that will really help them improve their arithmetic skills.

Reading

The children's home reading books will be changed regularly. Please support their progress in reading by listening to them at home every night and asking questions about what they have read. You might ask about what happened, what they think will happen next, and how characters are feeling/behaving. Each child has a Reading Record for you or the children to date and make comments daily.. If your child is reading shorter texts, we encourage them to read the book 3 times over 3 days to develop their word reading and comprehension.

Homework

Weekly homework will be set on a Wednesday for handwriting, spelling and maths. On Wednesdays, the children will be quizzed on their spellings from the previous week.

PE

PE will continue to take place on Wednesday mornings. Children need to wear their P.E. kit to school. The school P.E. kit consists of a white t-shirt, green shorts and trainers. No jewellery, apart from ear studs, should be worn.

General information

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that school uniform is worn consistently. Jewellery, with the exception of stud earrings, is not allowed for safety reasons. As a Healthy School, packed lunches should promote healthy eating habits and not include sweets, chocolate bars or fizzy drinks.

Thank you for your continued support so far this year, the children have been wonderful and we are looking forward to this Summer term. If you have any further questions, please email us at year2@westhampstead.camden.sch.uk

Kind regards,
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