

# Year Two Newsletter – Autumn Term



Welcome to Year 2! We are very excited to welcome you all into your new class for September. Here you will find all the important information to help best prepare your child for Year 2.

## Diary Dates for this half term

- 2<sup>nd</sup> October: Harvest Assembly
- 7<sup>th</sup> October: Class Trip to The Deep
- 10<sup>th</sup> October: Hello Yellow Day
- Week of 3<sup>rd</sup> November: Fundraiser (cause decided by Year 2)
- 10<sup>th</sup> November: Odd Socks Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> November: Children in Need
- 19<sup>th</sup> November: Walk to Sutton Reservoir
- 1<sup>st</sup> December: Nativity Dress Rehearsal
- 4<sup>th</sup> December: Enquiry Showcase
- 10<sup>th</sup> December: KS1 Nativity AM
- 11<sup>th</sup> December: KS1 Nativity PM
- 12<sup>th</sup> December: Panto Day
- 16<sup>th</sup> December: Christingle Assembly
- 19<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Party

## Homework

On Dojo you have access to our home learning menus. This is a great and fun way of further supporting your child's learning at home. There will also be activities posted on Dojo. Don't forget to pick and choose the activities and upload your evidence to Dojo to gain Dojo points. These can be done at any point up until the end of the term. Please check your child's bag as we will be sending out additional worksheets to be completed at home.



Please ensure your child has their name in all their belongings to prevent them being lost.

If you need anything, Mrs Wilton or I are available via class dojo or feel free to speak to us before/after school.

Thank you!

## Enquiry

Our enquiry this term is a Geography's theme. Throughout our enquiry sessions this term we are going to be answering the question, "**Can one person change the world?**" Each week we will be building up our knowledge to answer our main question.

This term we will be looking at:

Week 1 (two days) – We will kickstart our enquiry with dressing up as people we think have or could change the world!

Week 2 – We will look at what you find at a coast, and we will learn the three seas that surround Great Britain.

Week 3 – We will find out about the equator and the two hemispheres. Looking at how this impacts the temperature of places in our world.

Week 4 – In History, we will learn about Christopher Columbus and what he discovered about our world. Learning then about our seven continents.

Week 5 – We will explore the five oceans of the world.

Week 6 – Is our visit to The Deep. Learning about how we can protect our oceans. In art, we will make animal sculptures from clay.

Week 7 – We will finish our sculptures and investigate Mandy Barker's amazing artwork.

Week 8 – After half term we will create our own artwork inspired by Mandy Barker.

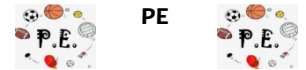
Week 9 – We will learn all about recycling and plan our own investigation into "How clean is Sutton Reservoir?"

Week 10 – As Geographers we will carry out our investigation and conclude our findings.

Week 11 – In DT, we will investigate Christmas Baubles and designs that are on the market and design our own sustainable, planet-saving versions.

Week 12 – We will make and evaluate our baubles. That Friday we will also celebrate all our hard work and show off all we have learnt with our enquiry showcase.

Weeks 13 & 14 – These will be spent with all things Christmas and rounding up our learning for the term!



PE

## Tuesday & Thursday

Children should come to school in their PE kit and can stay in it all day. Our PE kit is a plain white t-shirt, black or navy shorts/PE skirt, black or navy tracksuit bottoms or leggings, plimsolls or trainers for outside games. Please ensure all earrings are removed or covered with tape and hair tied back.

These days will change termly as we have an external provider to deliver incredible PE sessions, and this will ensure all children can access this.

This term we are doing gymnastics.



Reading



It is essential that pupils are encouraged to read at home to develop their fluency, vocabulary and it will open many more doors to their learning. The children will bring home a decodable reading book for them to read to you at home. Please remember to write in their reading diaries each time you read together, as each time they read three or more times a week, they get a raffle ticket entered in a prize draw each week.



Each child has a login for the Numbots app. This is a fun way for children to develop their number sense and each week they can win certificates for the most correct answers and the most coins collected.