



# YEAR TWO



## Welcome Back!

It's lovely to see all the children back in school and I'm delighted to be teaching them again for a second year. Year Two is a very busy year, as the children prepare for their SATs and the move to KS2. We are covering lots of exciting topics this term and it's been great to see the children coming back with such enthusiasm! As always, the children's wellbeing is our priority and we look forward to working together to support your child's learning journey.

### Tuesday

Homework and reading books to be returned.

Music with Miss Dyer.

### Wednesday

Children will receive two new reading books. Please take the time to read with your child at home and sign their yellow reading record.

PE - Children are to come to school wearing their PE kit.

### Thursday

Remember to practise your spellings!

### Friday

Homework and spellings handed out.

Spelling and Mental Maths test.

### Maths

We will focus on ensuring key skills are in place to begin the year well. This will mean securing the understanding of number and place value. We will use number bonds and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to help us add and subtract numbers. The number square and number lines will help support our learning. After the half-term we will be moving onto multiplication and division as well as fractions.

### English

We will be focusing on fiction, non-fiction and poetry. We will use stories using familiar setting to plan, re-tell and change stories using a range of punctuation and different sentence types. Our focus texts this term will include 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea', 'Dear Greenpeace' and 'The Polar Express'. Phonics and guided reading sessions will also occur daily. The children will all be sitting a phonics check at the end of the term, further details will be sent out nearer the time.

### RE

We are covering a variety of topics this term, starting with the "Domestic Church-Family" and then "Signs and Symbols in Baptism" and finally "Advent; preparing to celebrate Christmas". We will discuss and reflect on the coming Sunday's Gospel through the Wednesday Word, this can also be found on the school website. The other faith we will learn about this term is Judaism.

### Science

Our topic this term is 'Animals, Including Humans'. The class will learn about the lifecycle of different animals and how animals develop into adults. We will consider what animals and humans need to help them grow and look at healthy living, including eating a balanced diet, keeping active and the importance of personal hygiene.

### History

We will be learning about our local area and the rich history that Hackney has to offer, such as Sutton House, The Round Chapel and St Augustine's Tower.

### Geography

We will continue to secure our knowledge of the continents. As we explore what it's like where we live, we will look at the United Kingdom before focusing on Hackney, our local area.

Your continued support at home is invaluable in helping your child's progression this year. Please encourage your child to read a variety of books at home and support them with their home learning.

As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch with any questions!  
Many thanks, Ms Woodhouse, Ms O'Grady and Ms Akdogan.