

# Green Class Year 2

## Autumn Term Newsletter

Mrs Baker and Miss Coles

Thank you for all your patience and help with all the new routines and rules regarding COVID 19. Green class have settled really well and we have had a wonderful start to the year. If at any point you need to discuss anything please do not hesitate to come and see me or send an email to the office email with my name as the subject - I want your child to be happy and do well :)

### Curriculum

Our Federation topic is 'Memories and Dreams'. In Green class we will be covering a variety of things within this topic. In Geography we will be looking at and creating maps and human and physical features. We will also look at seasonal and daily weather patterns. In history we will be focusing on Florence Nightingale. During computing we will focus on internet safety and using google maps. In DT we will be creating picture frames and look at levers and sliders. In Art we will look at Salvador Dali or M.C Escher. During PE we will practice our basic skills of throwing and catching and also look at gymnastics and dance. In PSHE we will focus on learning about the people that help us and looking after the environment. We will also look at money and discuss saving and spending money. Science will focus on senses and seasons. We will also work on working scientifically. We will continue to study RE and will focus on the big question "Why is light an important symbol for Christians, Jewish people and Hindus?". In English we will focus on lots of phonics ready for phonics screening which will now be carried out after October half term as this was not administered when your child was in Year 1 due to Lockdown. We will also look at fiction, non-fiction, diary entries and poems. In maths we will focus on counting to 100 and back, place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, and fractions. We will also be spending time covering things that would have been taught last term in Year 1. You can find further information on this on the schools website.

### Routines

Everyday at school your child will have a phonics session, English, Maths and guided reading lesson. During the half term your child will also do blocks of lessons based on Science, Geography, History, Art, DT, computing, PSHE, RE and PE sessions that are outlined above.

Please note the change in PE days. PE is now on a Monday and Forest schools will be on a Thursday. The Forest schools session will be run by Mrs Fiske. Please

ensure on these days your child arrives at school dressed in their PE kits, they will no longer be getting changed at school.

Reading folders will shortly be coming home soon. Please ensure these are disinfected once home (COVID 19). Please listen to your child at least 3 times a week and write in their reading record. This is really beneficial for your child making good progress in reading. We encourage your child to read the same book at least 2 times. The first time your child spends their time decoding (sounding out) the book and the second time they read for comprehension (understanding of the story) the third time your child reads the story for pleasure. Research suggests this really benefits your child's progress in reading. We will be listening to your child throughout the week, twice in guided reading and we will also hear them read individually.

Spellings: Your child will have weekly spellings, these will be emailed to you on a Friday. To begin with they will be linked to phonics and the common exception words for Year 1 and 2.

### Notices

- Milk is now a paid service so if you wish your child to have milk please pay for this through cool milk as normal.
- Snack is now being delivered so you no longer need to send your child a snack into school. However if you wish to continue to send a snack in please ensure it is a healthy snack.
- Trainers are encouraged to be worn at the moment as we have the field to play on and children are only permitted to play on the equipment with trainers as these have better grip.
- We have been learning to count forward and backwards from 100. Please continue to practice this at home with your child. You could practice counting things together too.
- Soon Green class blog will be up and running. You can see this blog via the Swallowtail Federation webpage <http://www.swallowtailfederation.co.uk/sutton>
- Please ensure your child has a pair of wellies in school.