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| September 2023  | Year Two Class Newsletter  | Autumn term  |
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| Miss Banerjee and the Year Two Team. Our Learning Journey.Autumn so far … Year Two have very smoothly settled in to their new routine and are making incredible changes every day. It is wonderful to see how hard working they are, and how supporting the families have been. I am very excited to see where their learning goes throughout this year.* Miss Banerjee
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|  | So far we are enjoying our new classroom and have settled in nicely to our environemt. We are already experts at 5 star sitting!  |
| Our learning is moving on quickly!What can we do at home to help? |
| In Year Two it is important that we read at least four times a week. Year Two will be taking home two books from school, one that the child can read fluently and independently to an adult, and one that must be read and shared with the adult. Children will also be set some spellings and some maths work in addition to this, to support and continue their learning.  | During the year, children will get the chance to work with our lovely volunteers who will be supporting reading.If anyone is interested in being a reading volunteer, please talk to Miss Banerjee!  |
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| Our adults are very impressed with our attitudes to Year Two so far.  |
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|   | Class assembly: Friday 3rd November in the school hall. Please join us for our class assembly, followed by a chance to come to our classroom afterwards too. |
| Mirjam Nilsson |
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| September 2023 | Autumn’s learning  | Autumn term  |
| What does learning look like in Year Two ? Our learning journey is exciting! Science in Year Two :In autumn, we will begin science by looking at all living animals, including human beings. We will be able to confidently identify similarities and differences in multiple animals, as well as use specific scientific vocabulary confidently. Art and Design & Technology in Year Two :This term Miss Cooper will be teaching us on a Thursday morning. Art will begin by focusing on collage. The children will look at a variety of artists across the year and then have chances to recreate pieces in various styles.Design & Technology begins in Autumn Two where we will be learning about wheels and axels and making a wheeled vehicle.Maths in Year Two :The first half of autumn term we will be focusing on becoming fluent with our numbers. This begins with our number bonds and leads nicely on to our twos, five and ten times’ tables. We will be trying to develop our knowledge through journaling and verbalizing our math’s knowledge, as well as looking at alternative representations too. We will then be moving swiftly on to doubles and halves, as well as noticing patterns and being able to discuss, describe and explain what we can see.Please feel free to ask me for any guidance on supporting your child in maths as I am very aware that methods change, as do teaching styles and so on, so feel free to reach out for some support!English in Year Two :This term we will covering a variety on books and resources to support our learning, starting as a whole school with a unit on Small in the City. Lots of our texts will help us to produce excellent writing, where we will be focusing on using capital letters, punctuation (. , !) and conjunctions. A conjunction is a word that joins two sentences, for example, and, but , or. Other texts coming up include Frog and the Stranger, How to Make Friends with a Ghost and Augustus and his Smile. We are also doing a lot of spelling, as well as trying to focus on finding a love for reading. If you struggle to find a love for reading at home, because of work or time or any commitments, please speak with me and we can work together on this. Geography in Year Two :We are learning about the countries and capital cities of the UK and the surrounding seas as well as naming the world’s continents and oceans.  Religious Education in Year Two :We will start the year by looking at signs and symbols of everyday life including religious symbols, Muslim prayer and festivals and how they are celebrated. Computing in Year Two :The first thing we have to do is learn how to log into a chrome book using a username and password and log in to Purple Mash! We are looking at algorithms and coding, online safety and spreadsheets. |

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| What does learning look like in Year Two ? Our learning journey is exciting! Book changing:Children’s books will be changed every Friday. Reading books should be brought in every day. Please ensure adults write in reading records when the child has read at home, this will be checked daily. The expectation is to read at least four times a week as homework. Children will also read in school with a mixture of adults.Music in Year Two :We will be following a scheme called Charanga that will take us dancing and singing all the way across multiple music genres and musical skills, accessing lots of different instruments and songs. Look out for some of these skills in our class assembly!PSHCE in Year Two :In Year Two we cover lots of topics regarding our emotional health and wellbeing. This is an extremely important part of the curriculum for the teaching team and we strongly believe the wellbeing of the children is at the forefront of all we do.We will be discussing lots of topics, from personal space and how to play safely with friends, to how to identify a good friend and how to stay safe in public. On top of this, children will be given the opportunity to express their feelings in a safe environment too. Children learn to trust and identify their safe adults in and out of school, as well as beginning to understand and verbalize their own feelings too. PE in Year Two :Our PE days will be Tuesdays and Fridays. Please ensure your child’s PE kit is labelled/named and in an appropriate bag to keep it safe. We come to school in uniform and we get changed in to our PE kit in school for the lesson. In winter, layers in black or navy are welcome to keep warm as we will be doing PE outside in various weathers. Gloves and hats also allowed. In summer, please provide your child with a sun hat. Mystery reader:I will be looking for volunteers for our mystery reader scheme. To volunteer to take part, please grab me any day at the door after school.Getting in touch Year 2:Email: yr2@colneyheath.herts.sch.uk Emails will be checked daily and aim to reply within 48 hours, except over the weekend. To arrange a phone call, please email to do so. For anything urgent, please call the office directly.I am always happy to discuss any matter or concern, please just reach out. Don’t forget, home life is part of the Year Two Teaching Team too! 😊 **Year Two ’s Golden Rules:**Together we wrote these rules in class.1. Kind words and kind actions.
2. Listen to everyone.
3. Five-star sitting on the carpet and at our tables.
4. Be respectful of each other’s thoughts, ideas, and feelings.
5. Be responsible for our belongings and our mistakes, including saying sorry when we need to!
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