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| January 2024 | Year Two  Class Newsletter | | | | | | | Spring term |
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| Miss Banerjee and the Year Two Team.  Our Learning Journey.  Spring so far …  Year Two have returned to school perfectly. It is wonderful to see how much they have grown, in fact we have joked that it is possible Santa took the old class and replaced them for new, smart, sensible, hardworking Year Twos! I am looking forwards to seeing just how much they grow this term!   * Miss Banerjee | |  | | Players in Education - When children tell you things like this... #quotes # children #growth #confidence #selfesteeem #feedback #positive #drama #stage  #act #sing #dance #perform #playersineducation | Facebook | | | | | |
|  | | It is impossible to move through Spring without reminiscing on how excellent our play was and the children’s confidence has grown massively! | | | | | |
| 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. Children are read with in school regularly and we love seeing this mirrored at home too. Children will also be set some spellings weekly too, to support and continue their learning. We also have access to Times Table rockstars to improve our calculations! | | | During the year, children will still get the chance to work with volunteers who will be supporting reading and extra maths too.  If anyone is interested in being a reading volunteer, please email or talk to Miss Banerjee!  Yr2@colneyheath.herts.sch.uk | | |
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| Our adults are very impressed with how we have returned to school this year! | |
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| Class assembly: | | | **Things on the horizon:** School trips!  This year we will be heading out of school on some school trips. We will be visiting Knebworth House Flower Tour to look at how plants grow and Mill Green Bread Mill to discuss the Fire of London. Please ensure to remind your children of the behaviour expectations outside of school. Any further questions please do not hesitate to ask. | | | | | | |
| Friday 22nd March 2024 – class assembly 9 am in the school hall. | | |
| Please join us for our class assembly, followed by a chance to come to our classroom afterwards too. | | |
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| January 2024 | Spring’s learning | Spring term |
| What does learning look like in Year Two?  Our learning journey is continuing, and we are growing so quickly!  Maths in Year Two:  This half term we are focusing on addition, majorly using column addition, with and without regrouping. This has come easily to many of the children due to their massive increase in concentration, as well as their work with number bonds we have been doing in school. You can continue to support your child’s learning by encouraging them to use Timetable Rock stars to build their knowledge of their times tables. We have started this year off by introducing some new concepts and the children’s knowledge and understanding of number is progressing greatly. If you have any further questions about supporting this, please let Miss Banerjee know!  Science in Year Two:  In autumn, we will begin science by looking at different types of materials and their properties. This will lead us nicely in to an investigation and experience to design a waterproof shelter area.  English in Year Two:  This term we will covering a variety of books and resources to support our learning, from free verse poetry to non-chronological reports. The children have progressed to narrow lined English books to help support their handwriting and sentence structure. The children are trying hard to use adjectives, contracted words and expanded noun phrases. These skills and more will be used in our wonderful writing where children are already confident in using capital letters and many forms of punctuation. Their writing has improved and this has been greatly supported by their exposure to new high quality texts, where many of us are being excellent Magpies, pinching lots of great vocabulary!    Art and Design & Technology in Year Two:  Art will begin by focusing on line, focusing on the textures created in pictures to enhance our drawing skills. The children created some wonderful artwork already which is on display in school.  Design & Technology begins in Spring Two where we will be looking at and designing free standing structures, inspired by Rapunzel.  History in Year Two:  We are learning about the Great Fire of London, specifically all of the errors with London before, and the changes that have been made now. As well as how it was recorded and the sequence of events.    Religious Education in Year Two:  We are looking at ways of giving thanks in Year Two this term. We are starting with the Lord’s Prayer. We will also be covering the meaning of Easter as we near the end of term.  Computing in Year Two:  We are nearly experts at logging on and using the Chrome Books. We are looking at creating pictures and effective searching this year! | | |

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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. Children are responsible for changing their own story books. Please write in reading records when the child has read at home, this will be checked daily, and books will not be changed if it has not been read through multiple times. The expectation is to read four times a week as homework.  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 still in spring term. This coincides nicely with Mental Health Awareness Week being in February. To support this week, we will be doing one activity a day to help support our mental health and bring the topic to the forefront of conversation in our classroom. The mental well-being of both the children and adults in our school community remains at the forefront of all we do. We will be discussing lots of new topics this term, including gender roles and equality. On top of this, we will be continuing our exploration into our own goals and aspirations. Children are always given an opportunity to express their feelings in a safe environment with their safe adults too.  **Mystery reader has been such a success this year and I am still looking for volunteers to continue this. To volunteer to take part, please grab me any day at the door after school.**  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 into 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. Children are encouraged to get changed by themselves and given sufficient time to do so. In summer, please provide your child with a sun hat and plenty of water.  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. Don’t damage other people’s things. 2. Always be honest, tell the truth. 3. Treat people how you want to be treated. 4. Be respectful when people are sharing ideas or work. 5. Use kind words, kind hands and polite manners. | | |
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