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| May 2024 | Year Two  Class Newsletter | | | | | | | Summer Term |
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| Miss Banerjee and the Year Two Team.  Our Learning Journey.  Summer so far …  Year Two are flying into Summer Term and cruising towards Year Three at a steady pace. As we approach the sunshine and fun times the end of the year brings, I am already seeing the wonderful, mature individuals they have progressed to be! They may be ready for Year Three but am I ready to say goodbye?   * Miss Banerjee | |  | |  | | | | | |
|  | | Spring Term brought some amazing learning and we are becoming such amazing writers, mathematicians and readers too! Any mystery readder volunteers, please ask an adult on the door! | | | | | |
| 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 making great progress with our reading volunteers (who we are very grateful for!) and with the adults in school. Please ensure to continue listening to them reading and to encourage the use of Times Table Rockstars too! | | | 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 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, especially with our incredible swimming skills! | |
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| Class assembly: | | | **Things on the horizon:** Summer Term!  Alongside a class assembly, there is also another chance to come and watch some of our excellence as we perform in Sports Day! Please remember to send us to school with water bottles and sun protection for the day, we are hopinh for the lovely, warm weather! | | | | | | |
| Friday 24th May 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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| May 2024 | Summer’s learning | Summer term |
| What does learning look like in Year Two?  Our learning journey is continuing, and we are growing so quickly!  Science in Year Two:  In science this term we are looking at plants and are even going our own Bean Plants. We are so looking forwards to watching how they grow and change, and we are hoping to bring some beans home this half term to share with our families!  Art and Design & Technology in Year Two:  This term we are looking at printing in our Art lessons. This has linked to our learning of the coronation where we created leaves to form a green canopy, as this is something the King is passionate about.  In Design and Technology, we will be creating puppets using textiles and finishing techniques! We will design and make our own puppets and then sew them too!  Math’s in Year Two:  This half term we are focusing on shape and fractions as well as lots of other exciting new concepts. We are looking at the properties of shapes, both 2D and 3D. We are also going to begin rotating these shapes too, both in real life and on paper. Fractions links nicely to this as we address both fractions of number and of shape. We are already quite good at cutting slices out of pizzas or cakes (circles!) and sharing our chocolate bars too (rectangles!).  We have also been mastering our division skills and working out if sums have a remainder or not!  If you need any help supporting this, please let Miss Banerjee know!  English in Year Two:  This term we will covering a variety of books and resources to support our learning, including some excellent books like ‘Monsters, an Owners Guide’ and ‘How to wash a Wooly Mammoth!’. We have begun looking at the backgrounds of lots of our resources too, especially focusing on the backgrounds of the authors and the characters. Some of our favourite reading books in class are ‘My shadow is Pink, ‘Ada Twist – Scientist’ and ‘The Whale Who Wanted More’. These books (and many others) address all aspects of society and hopefully depict and represent our beautiful, individual society. If you have any books you recommend, please feel free to make suggestions or bring them in!    Geography in Year Two:  We are learning about our country and making comparisons to somewhere else in the world. We are going to be looking at Australia and comparing it to England. Feel free to share any information or pictures if you have been before!    Religious Education in Year Two:  We are looking at faith stories this term. We are focusing on Jonah and the Whale. If you have any faith stories in any religion you celebrate at home, please let me know!  Computing in Year Two:  We are experts at logging on and using the Chrome Books. We are looking at creating music and theme tunes for programs too! | | |

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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 this term we are looking at Relationships and Changing me.  Relationships looks at the healthy relationships we can form with friends and family, where we respect each other’s space, feelings, and needs. Changing me addresses the body and how it changes, in an age-appropriate way.  Children are always given an opportunity to express their feelings in a safe environment with their safe adults too. It is important children are given time and space to discuss these things, as well as big feelings or questions they may have about the whole world around them, please extend this at home and allow time for these discussions.  Spellings: It is important you are regularly testing your child on their spellings. Weekly, on a Wednesday, they will get a list of spellings for the following Wednesdays test. Each term I have also given a list of that terms spelling words. This will help with reading and writing!  PE in Year Two:  Our PE days will be **Tuesdays and Fridays**. It is essential that every member of the class has a **full PE** **kit**, including shoes suitable for inside or outside. 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 summer, please provide your child with a sun hat and plenty of water. For safety, it is compulsory that hair is tied up appropriately and earrings out or covered with tape – we will help with this! Physical education is really important for your child and they should be spending as much time as possible outside. The class have thoroughly loved swimming this term and if you have the opportunity to go together, I am certain they would love to show you their skills too.  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 actions, kind hands and polite manners. | | |
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