

Year 2 Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had an enjoyable holiday and we would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year. We would like to take this opportunity to let you know what your child will be doing this term as well as provide you with some helpful reminders.

Curriculum

In English, we will be continuing to use a range of texts to support our writing work such as The Diary of a Killer Cat and The Emperor's Egg, as well as texts written by Roald Dahl. We will be developing our use of suffixes in daily phonics sessions. As we approach the SATs, the children will be using their reading skills to answer test-style questions in Guided Reading.

In Maths, we will continue to revise the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) as well as learning about shape, space and measures. We are using the Singapore maths scheme and more information can be found at: www.gallionsmount.greenwich.sch.uk. We will continue to send weekly Maths homework to support what has been taught that week. Here are some helpful websites if you wish to further support your child at home:

www.nrich.co.uk

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/>

Our main focus this term is on leading a healthy life. We will be learning about famous nurses from the past in History and the children will learn about how hospitals and medicines have changed. We will be learning about Animals (including humans) in Science, with a focus on healthy diet and regular exercise.

Trips

We will be visiting the local Mandir on the morning of **Thursday 25th January** to develop our understanding of Hinduism. We will also be attending a 'Still life' painting session at the National Gallery on **Friday 9th March**. Letters will be sent closer to the time with more details.

Home Learning

Spellings will be sent home every **Friday** and tested the following **Thursday**. We also ask that you ensure your child is reading regularly at home and that comments are written in their Reading Record. We will be sending home a 'menu' of homework activities linked to our 'Nursing in the past' History topic which the children can complete at their leisure.

Reminders

The children will need their P.E kit in school until **Friday 9th February** when it can be taken home to be washed. It will need to be returned to school on **Monday 19th February**.

If you do have any issues to discuss with us, please make an appointment with the office or speak to us at the **end of the day**.

Best wishes,

Kimberleigh Kaur and Roxanne Pinnock