

Dear Year 2 families,
Welcome back! We hope you all had a great summer. Well done to all the children for such a fantastic start to Year 2. They have come back to school with lots of enthusiasm and are ready to learn!



English

Posters, Reports and Instructions: We will be creating a poster about Marcus Rashford or Dina Asher-Smith. We will then be writing a report and an instruction text based on our geography and science learning for this term (Antarctica and living things).

Maths

We will be starting with number and place value. Children will revisit learning on numbers to 100, recognising the benefits of making groups of 10 to count e.g. 27 being made of 2 tens and 7 ones. We will be looking at place value charts, how to partition numbers in different ways and how to use this to solve problems. Please also give your child plenty of opportunities to practice counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and playing games with these times tables. (<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>) – is an effective and fun way for your child to practice and learn their times tables.

Geography

We will look at Biomes with a focus on Antarctica and the animals that live there. We will then compare it with the Arctic and the Sahara and look at how animals adapt to these environments. Please talk to your child about where in the world your family are from and any other countries you have visited. We would like to invite children to speak to the class about where in the world you are from – including the UK! If you have pictures of these places, please bring them in for our display.

RE – In RE, we will be learning about Christianity and the values taught by Jesus. We will also learn about the importance of the Bible for Christians.

Computing Our theme is 'Information Technology around us'. We will look at IT at home, in school and in the wider world, as well as its benefits and how to use it safely.

Science This half term we will be learning about living things and their habitats, in particular food chains. We will make habitat boxes to show what we have found out about animals living in a particular habitat, how they might be adapted to that environment and their diet.

Art – Children will be looking at how artists can be collectors. Children will collect their own items and then organise them in different ways. They will then use items to sketch and investigate different ways of drawing and use these to support our mono printing.

P.E – Our focus this half term is target games and fitness where we will continue to develop our skills and accuracy in throwing as well as developing and improving our fitness and agility, balance and co-ordination.

PSHME – This term our whole school focus is on relationships. In Year 2 we will look at making friends, recognising hurtful behaviours as well as things we have in common and differences. We will learn about sharing our opinions and working and playing cooperatively together.

Music - Our topic, 'Hands feet and heart', looks closely at music from South Africa. We will explore the pulse, play instruments to music and compose our own pieces using glockenspiels.

If you have any questions, please do email info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk

Best wishes,

Mr. Ahmed, Ms. Balcombe and Ms. Groothues

Please read with your child every day at home (10-15 minutes) and where possible from a variety of texts.

Your child will have a weekly reading book set by their teacher. They will also be set an online book to read on Bug Club linked to their phonics knowledge. In addition they are always welcome to choose a book from our book corner.

PE Days

Rashford class:

Tuesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)

Asher-Smith Class:

Tuesday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor)

Please ensure that your child wears PE kit into school on these days (t-shirt, sweatshirt, leggings/shorts/ tracksuit bottoms, trainers).

Year 2 Home learning:

Each week we will post home learning suggestions for you on Weduc starting from next week.