

Macaulay Term 1 Class Newsletter



YEAR 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely summer holiday and were able to enjoy plenty of time together. We are looking forward to this Autumn term with the children. They have settled in beautifully so far and seem ready for the challenges and learning of the upcoming year. Year 2 is an exciting and busy year with plenty of interesting topics.

This term, we will be focusing on two topics. The first topic is **'Schools Then and Now'**, where we will develop our historical understanding and skills of chronology and understanding sources. In our second half term we start a new topic of **'Hot and Cold'**, where we will look in more depth at different geography skills, looking at maps and compasses. Please refer to the website for more information.

The first trip is being confirmed but it will be to the Ragged School Museum which will enhance our learning about schools then and now.

If you have any concerns please contact me by email at:
ecochrane@macaulay.lambeth.sch.uk.

Many thanks for all your support so far this term.
Best wishes,

Ella Cochrane
Year 2 teacher

Key dates for this term:

- 25th September: Welcome BBQ.
- 5th October: Black history month workshops.
- 8th October: Trip
- 22nd October: Parents evening.
- 2nd November: INSET day. School closed.
- 13th November: International food fair (PTA event).
- 19th November: Wreath making (PTA event).
- 27th November: Own clothes day.
- W/C 30th November: KS1 workshare.
- 4th December: Christmas fair.
- 9th December: EYFS & KS1 Nativity.
- 18th December: HTC.

Homework

Homework tasks are sent out each week on a Friday and should be returned by the following Thursday.

Year 2 Homework includes:

- spellings to learn based upon the words and patterns we have looked at in school.
- maths tasks, including a number challenge.
- topic or science or English work

PE

PE lessons in Year 2 take place on Thursday and Friday. All children are expected to come in uniform and bring in the following kit on those days to change:

- Navy blue Macaulay logo t-shirt
- Navy blue shorts or jogging bottoms.
- A navy blue sweatshirt or school jumper can be worn.
- Please name all items!

Reading

Reading every night for 5-10 minutes is really important. If you could make any notes that might be helpful for us in school this would be great. Please take note of the pages your child has read so we know where to pick up with your child when we hear them in school. Your child might feel confident enough to do this themselves as we go through the year. They will have 2/3 books.

- An oxford reading tree book/school reading book.
- A 'phonics' book based around decoding from phase 1-6.
- A 'reading for pleasure' book from the book corner, this may be a book they read with you or have read to them.

Reading at home doesn't always have to be the school books. If they are reading a magazine or something from the library or even a menu if you're out, every little helps!

