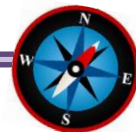




Welcome back! We hope you had a restful half term. We would like to say a big thank you to you all for engaging so positively with our Parent/Teacher consultations at the end of Autumn 1. It was great to speak with each of you about your children and how they've settled into the year.

Whilst these appointments are the formal times for us to discuss your child's time at school, please remember we are always available and you can always contact us by email, or through your child's diary.



Curriculum Day

We have had a wonderful day so far for our curriculum day, learning about the compass points including making our own, practising direction with Beebots; and making 3D maps. We hope your children enjoyed the day, and we are so proud of them for all their hard work throughout the day!

The next two weeks:

- In **English**, we will be starting our topic on writing an adventure story.
- In **Maths**, we will be continuing our addition and subtraction topic, now adding 2 two digit numbers.
- In **Science**, we are starting the remaining portion of our Materials unit by learning about how we can manipulate different materials.
- In **Topic**, following our fantastic curriculum Day, we will be continuing our mapping unit, flying across the continents and oceans.
- In **Art**, we dive into some expressive painting, exploring colour and mark-making.
- In **P.S.H.E.**, we will start Jigsaw Piece 2: 'Celebrating Difference'.
- In **P.E.**, we will begin Gymnastics - look out Simone Biles!

Spelling patterns

We have been looking at the spelling patterns for the 'n' sound spelt as 'kn' or 'gn'.

'kn' is always at the start of words, whereas 'gn' can also be at the end.

We will also be focussing on the 'r' sound spelt 'wr'.

Ways to help your child

We have included a link to demonstrate the tripod grip for pencil hold:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UPg9qqg6Hhg>

Tenses

Any assistance you can provide to encourage your child's understanding of tenses would help them all enormously!

KIRFs

This half term's KIRF is: multiplication and division facts for the **10** times table.

Well done to those who have been working on their Maths daily so far this term - there have been house points GALORE awarded in Year 2!

Please remember to continue to practise your number bonds **WITHIN 20**.

Christmas Performances

As you will now be aware, we are looking forward to our Christmas performances taking place at **Brockham** on **Tuesday 9th December**.

With **Kingfishers** performing at **9.30am** and **Woodpeckers** at **2.15pm**, it is safe to say Year 2 are feeling the festive buzz!

Costumes will be provided, so no need to add to your Christmas to-do list. Any further updates will come in the next Learning Letter.

Parts will soon be allocated, and their lines stuck in their diary. Any assistance in helping your child learn their lines would be much appreciated.

Numbots and Times Tables Rockstars

We are all up and running with TTRS and Numbots! The login for both is in the back of your child's diary. TTRS offers multiplication and division support and the children can practise the particular tables they are focussing on. As they progress through the tables, the quizzes available on TTRS will match.

Numbots offers more support with early number, and addition and subtraction, again tailored to your child. It is particularly useful for learning number bonds within 20.



Thank you,
Ms Gahan and Miss Westwood

