



BROOKFIELD SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful summer holiday and that you're ready and refreshed for the new academic year. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting Autumn term. Below is an overview of the topics, areas of learning and general systems and routines for this term.

Literacy:

Writing - We will be working on our writing skills in Year 2 through a variety of genres and text types including letter writing linked to exciting classroom events, creative story-writing and diary entries linked to traditional tales. The teaching of SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) will be integrated into lessons, focusing on the 'Writing Non-Negotiables' and 'No Excuses Spellings' (see details below).

Writing Non-Negotiables- To support children in their writing, Brookfield staff have identified key areas of writing that our children would particularly benefit from focusing on. Creativity and expression are real strengths of Brookfield writers and this will continue to be celebrated and promoted in class. These more technical elements of writing are going to be a big focus at Brookfield this year, with the expectation that children confidently and consistently demonstrate their year's elements by the end of the Summer term. Part of these Non-Negotiables include the spellings identified by the National Curriculum and high-frequency words that children continue to misspell. Please keep both lists in a place where your child can easily refer to when writing. They will also be made available on the school website shortly.

Spelling- The termly spelling list outlines which words will be practised and tested each week. On the back are suggested spelling techniques that your child may find useful. Please help your child practise and learn the relevant spellings.

Handwriting- Handwriting will continue to be taught through the Read Write Inc (RWI) phonics scheme. We will be sending home RWI guidance to help parents/carers reinforce the language used to teach handwriting to children in EYFS and KS1.

Reading - This term the children will be engaged in daily supported phonics and guided-reading sessions from 9.00 to 9.25 with an adult in school. For this reason it is very important that your child arrives in school on time. Every morning each child will have the opportunity to change their own reading book independently.

PACT reading - PACT books will be checked each week by Friday. We want to encourage the children to read on a regular basis, **at least 5 times per week**, so they become more independent and progress quickly with their reading. An adult is to sign the PACT book **each** time the child reads.

Maths: In Year 2, the children will be using both mental and written methods to solve problems. This term we will be looking at counting, partitioning and calculating, number facts and understanding shape. Children will regularly play games to improve number fluency. Over the course of the year, the children will learn the 2, 5 and 10 timestables.

Science: Our Science topics this Autumn term are 'Everyday materials' and 'Living Things and Their Habitats'. The children will be developing their observation and investigation skills through practical tasks.

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ICT: This term the children will be developing their digital literacy skills by using Microsoft PowerPoint to create a presentation about their knowledge of The Great Fire of London. We will then move on to Computer Science with a focus on following, generating and de-bugging algorithms.

Humanities: Our History units will be 'The Great Fire of London' and 'The Gunpowder Plot'. We will be visiting the London Fire Brigade Museum as part of our History learning.

Art/DT: In the first half term, we will focus on painting, looking at the work of Georgia O'Keefe. In the second half term, we will focus on using different techniques to manipulate clay.

PSHE: As a Rights Respecting School we will continue to create and use class charters and discuss our rights within the school environment and larger community. The main theme will be 'Communities' however circle times will reflect the needs of the class.

RE: This year at Brookfield we will be doing RE a little differently by dedicating a full day once a term to our chosen topic rather than on a weekly basis. This is something working well in schools across Camden. Our 'RE day' this term will be looking at light, with a focus on Diwali.

Music: This term we will be exploring pitch through singing, listening and playing percussion instruments. The children will learn to identify changes in pitch and play different pitches through reading notation. In the second term the children will have weekly drumming sessions with Tanya.

P.E: In P.E, the Fit for Sport team will be covering ball skills with a focus on netball and basketball. After half term, we will continue with these skills while practising football and tag rugby. **Please make sure your child always has a named P.E kit (shorts, t-shirt and trainers/plimsolls) for these sessions in a named bag.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Tuesday 18 th September.	Y2 Curriculum Meeting
Saturday 30 th September	Fun Run
Friday 5 th October	INSET day 3 (school closed)
Wednesday 10 th October	2B Visit Owl Book Shop
Thursday 11 th October	2L visit Owl Book Shop and Open Afternoon
Wednesday 17 th October	Trip to London Fire Brigade Museum (all of Y2)
W.C. 15 th October	Black History Week
Friday 19 th October	RE Day
w.c. 22 nd October	HALF TERM
Thursday 1 st November	PAC Maths
Saturday 1 st December	Winter Fair

We welcome volunteers to accompany us on outings. We need 6 parents per trip so if you are ever available to join us, please let us know ASAP. Please see Carole Bush in the office to complete a List 99 check if you haven't already. Also, if you have any specialist skills or talents that you can offer, please let us know. If you need to contact us, you can do so either in the playground at the end of the day, by email or through the school office.

You will be able to find out more about the year 2 curriculum at our curriculum meeting on **Tuesday 18th September** from 9-9.15am. You are warmly invited to stay for tea and coffee following the meeting from 9.15-9.30am.

Kind regards

The Year 2 team

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MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
PACT BOOKS TO BE SIGNED EACH TIME AN ADULT READS WITH THEIR CHILD. THESE WILL BE CHECKED ON FRIDAYS.				
2L PE	<i>Homework practice in</i> 2B PE		<i>Homework practice out</i> 2B PE	2L PE

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