

Year 2 - Our Spring Term



Welcome back and happy new year!

Welcome back to school and Happy New Year! Year 2 have made a great start to the Spring term, settling back quickly and enthusiastically into routines and learning.

We just wanted to point out the following important points. School for Year 2 starts at 8:45 am and ends at 3:15 pm.

Please remember that your child will need water and to have their PE kits on the days listed below.

The Weekly Schedule

Music will be on Mondays



Dandelion and Poppy class will both have PE on Mondays and Fridays.

Reading diaries and reading books will be **collected on Tuesdays** and new reading books will be **handed out on Thursdays**.

Our learning theme is...



Equality

Dates for your Brookfield Diary

January 8th Inset Day

January 9th First day of Term

February 12th - 16th Half term

March 8th Inset Day

April 1st – April 12th Easter Holidays

April 15th Summer Term begins

Don't miss a thing – you can view the school calendar on our website [here](#), and please read the weekly newsletter which is emailed to you every Friday

Our learning in Literacy



This half term we are reading an adapted version of 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe'. We are using the text to inspire a variety of creative writing pieces. Children are focussing on using conjunctions to expand their sentences, as well as using interesting vocabulary.

After half term, we will be reading Ada Twist Scientist, alongside other books from 'The Questioners' series.

We are continuing to work on our handwriting and letter formation to prepare us for joining.

Our learning in Maths



We have begun this half term by looking at money. We have thought about the different coins and notes you can get, as well as the concept of change. It would be great if you could take your child to the shops with a small amount of coins to help them embed their understanding of these concepts.

We will be beginning to learn our 2, 5 and 10 times tables this term.

We encourage you to continue to log into Numbots to support maths fluency.

Our Wider Curriculum



In Geography, we are looking at maps and how to use them. We will be using these skills as we explore Hampstead Heath next week.

In Science, we are learning all about how plants grow and the conditions which support this. We will be growing microherbs.

In DT, we will be designing and building our own miniature playground equipment as suggestions for a new playground on Hampstead Heath.

We will also be working alongside our 'artist in residence' to create some art work from clay.

Key Learning Vocabulary

Change - the money returned after paying for something with more money than it costs

Compass - a tool for finding direction

Key - a box usually found at the bottom of the map that is filled with lots of information as to what the different lines and symbols on the map mean.

Deciduous – Trees and shrubs that lose their leaves and become dormant during the winter.

Evergreen - a tree or plant that doesn't shed its leaves in the winter, but stays green all year