

Year Two

Parent Newsletter
Autumn 2015

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A school where everyone shines.

Welcome back after the half term!
We hope you have all had a good rest.
Here is what we will be learning ;



Subject	<u>Learning Challenge—Victorians</u> What were the children who lived here like a 100 years ago?
History	<u>As historians</u> we will be learning about life in Victorian times. We will be looking at the different types of jobs and what it was like to go to a Victorian school. The children will have access to a range of artefacts.
Design and technology	We will looking at and exploring a range of Victorian toys. We will then design and make our own Victorian finger puppet, using our sewing skills. The children will learn how to cast on and cast off using a needle and thread.
P.E. 	P.E. sessions will still be on Wednesday and Friday for both classes. You will need your kit in school. If you have long hair you will need a bobble to tie it back, if you wear earrings you will need to take them out. In the winter we will still be outside if it's dry.
PSHE 	During this half term our sessions will be based around 'Getting on and falling out.' The theme offers the opportunity for the cildren to take part in small group discussions in addition to whole class situations. We will be looking at how our behaviour affects others and how we can work co-operatively with others.

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Subject	
	<p>We will be developing our reading and writing skills throughout the half term by following instructions and writing our own. We will be focussing on different aspects of grammar and applying these within our own writing.</p>
	<p>Throughout this half term we will be continuing to count forwards in 2's, 5's and 10's. We will be applying our knowledge of addition to solve problems, for example paying within a shop.</p>
	<p><u>As scientists</u> we will be learning about differed inventors and finding out what their magnificent creations were. We will be thinking about fair testing and we will carry out an investigation of our own.</p>
	<p><u>As information communication technologists</u> we will learn to use links on a website to gather information. We will be continuing with our History project to re-search different aspects of Victorian life.</p>
<p>RE</p>	<p>We will be focussing our learning in Religious Education to Christmas during this half term. We will be practising our Christmas production 'Prickly Hay.' We look forward to sharing it with you later in the half term.</p>

Please see over for general notices. If you are unsure about homework tasks or would like more information on subjects your child will be studying please ask your teachers for help. It is vital we work together to ensure your child succeeds.

Homework

Each week the children are required to practice their homework ready for their test the following Friday.

Reading

Reading books and reading records must be in school every day. The children are expected to change their book regularly, although they must keep them for at least two days to allow them time to read and understand it thoroughly. Please sign and comment in your child's reading record when their book is ready for changing. Reading Records are looked at regularly by the teachers so please do take time to write comments.

Christmas Play

In the coming weeks your child may bring home words to learn for their part in the play. We ask for your support in helping practise these words. A slip may also be brought home requesting particular clothes as part of their costume. Please bring these in as soon as possible in a labelled carrier bag. If you do not have the items requested, please speak to your child's class teacher before purchasing any new items.

The performances will take place on Tuesday 8th December at 2pm and Thursday 10th December at 5.45pm

Parents evening will be on 16th and 18th November 2015. This includes I.E.P. review meetings.

Extra Curricular

Clubs will be available – details to be announced. Monthly newsletters will be sent with important dates. Don't forget to check out our school website, Twitter page and Facebook page.

Uniform

It is important that as well as trying our best we also look our best. Please make sure that the correct school uniform is worn—details can be seen on our website under 'Information—School Uniform and Dress Code'.

Attendance

Every lesson counts – please allow your child to develop by attending school each day.

We hope you are all well and look forward to your support throughout the next half term.

Trip

As part of our Christmas topic at school we will be visiting St Laurence Church on Thursday 3rd December. The children will be involved in a range of activities. We will send a text out nearer the date but would welcome any volunteers. Each class will be at the church for approximately 1 hour, arriving at the times below.

Robin Class— 9.15am

Magpie class— 10.30am

The Year Two Brooklands Team