







QUEENSMEAD PRIMARY ACADEMY

YEAR 2 TERMLY NEWSLETTER: AUTUMN TERM 2018

WELCOME TO YEAR 2!

It is great to see that all the children have settled into their new class routines and are enjoying learning. We hope that your child is looking forward to a rewarding and successful year. Year 2 is full of exciting themes, activities and trips! We would like to share with you some information about what your child will be learning over the Autumn Term, as well as offering you opportunities to support your child's understanding of subjects studied. This newsletter will also help you to plan ahead by giving you key dates before they are printed in the Purple Post, such as class assemblies and trips.

HIGH EXPECTATIONS	<p>We expect a high standard of behaviour from all children which is monitored by all staff in the academy. The Behaviour Policy (which can be found on our website) explains the academy rules, rewards and sanctions in detail.</p> <p>Every week we have a celebration assembly where achievements are shared and certificates are awarded (including Star of the Week and House Points certificates).</p> <p>Unacceptable behaviour, both in and out of the classroom, will be dealt with firmly but fairly according to the academy's Behaviour Policy. You will be informed of any major incidences, or if your child's behaviour results in two or more detentions within a period of two weeks.</p>	UNIFORM	<p>Uniform is the same for Years 1-3. All pupils must wear correct uniform, including acceptable footwear. A letter will be sent home with pupils who have missing or incorrect uniform. A reminder of the uniform policy was included on the back of last week's Purple Post.</p> <p>Please refer to the Uniform Policy on our website for further information, including PE kit. If you require academy uniform, all items can be purchased from the academy office.</p>	START OF DAY ACTIVITY	<p>This term we are having a focus on handwriting during SODA time (between 8:45 and 8:55am).</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <p>Therefore, during this time your child will have the opportunity to practise and improve their handwriting.</p> </div>
				ARRIVE ON TIME	<p>For the first 15 minutes of every day (after registration) the focus will be handwriting exercises and skills. If your child arrives late they will miss this vital part of the school day. Therefore, it is important that your child arrives on time (by 8:55am) every day.</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>

YEAR 2 CURRICULUM	<p>English This term we will share lots of stories about the Jungle and build on the fantastic work we completed in year 1.</p>  <p>Mathematics We will be focusing on Number this term. We would be grateful if you could practise and consolidate the 2,5 and 10 times tables with your child.</p> <p>Theme In the first part of the Autumn Term our theme is 'Jungle Fever'. We will look at a range of different stories about the jungle, as well as comparing different countries to where we live.</p> <p>During the second half of the Autumn Term we will focus on History and our topic will be called 'Fire! Fire!' We will look closely at the Great Fire of London and discuss what happened in the past.</p> <p>Science In Science this term we will be studying living things and their habitats; this will involve using a range of different resources to find relevant information.</p> <p>RE This term in RE we will be finding out more about Sikhs and Christianity through our work.</p>	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	<p>Our PE days this term are Wednesdays and Fridays. PE is part of our academy curriculum and we expect all children to bring a full PE kit to school so that they can take part in their indoor and outdoor PE sessions. PE kit can be left on your child's peg in their classroom.</p> <p>All jewellery must be removed. Earrings need to be removed on the day of PE or the child must be able to remove these themselves before the lesson. Teachers and Teaching Assistants are not allowed to help children remove their earrings. If your child has recently had their ears pierced they will have to bring micropore tape to cover their earrings until they can take them out.</p>	HOMEWORK	<p>Queensmead Quests will continue to be given out once per half term with your child's homework book. The aim is to provide a range of challenges for your child to choose from. We would be grateful if you can support and encourage them. If your child experiences any difficulties with the homework, we encourage them to come and see their class teacher for more support.</p>
	READING	<p>We expect children to be reading for at least 10 minutes daily. It would be really beneficial if you could listen to your child read and discuss their book regularly to support their understanding.</p>	TRIPS	<p>The children had a wonderful time on our trip to Tropical Bird Land. We had a lovely day and the children wrote some wonderful recounts of what we did and the birds we saw. During the second half of Autumn term we are planning on creating a Bonfire evening. Look out for the letter with further details including the date, timings and any other information regarding this event.</p>	
<p>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 20th September- 3.20- 4pm Maths with Parents session 25th September- 2.45-3.15pm Maths with Parents session 9th and 11th October- Parents evening 22nd October- Half term 29th October- Return to school</p>		<p>If you have any problem or concern – who do you ask?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class Teachers – Mrs Inwood (Oliver Jeffers), or Mrs Alton (Valerie Thomas) • KS1 Leader of Learning – Miss Onions • Deputy Principal – Mrs Bentley • Principal – Mrs Latham <p>Thanks on behalf of the Year 2 team.</p>			