Year Two Newsletter

Our driving questions are: How would life be similar and different if we grew up in Chembakoli, India? And 'How could we, as artists, create a masterpiece inspired by Kandinsky to be enjoyed by others in an art gallery?

Achievements from Term 1

Year 2 have come back to school engaged and enthused about their learning. Some highlights from this term include; making a clay strcuture of a London Landmark for Paddington to show Aunt Lucy to teach her all about them. We also discovered which minibeasts live at school including making our own microhabitat.





Literacy

We will be looking at 3 stories over the term including Chalk (a wordless story about chalk drawings coming to life), Pattan's Pumpkins (a story linked to our India topic) and The Snowman by Raymond Briggs. We will look at writing persuasive letters, our own stories as a comic strip and writing an acrostic poem. Some of the key skills we will focus on this term include using adjectives within our writing, using a range of conjunctions and continuing with a range of punctuation.

***Ideas for at home**: Can you have a go at creating your own comic strip*

Numeracy

This term we will be looking at mental and written methods for adding and subtracting any two digit number e.g. 34 + 45, 43 – 22.

34	43
+ 45	- 22
79	21

***Ideas for at home:** Can you continue using numbots to help consolidate your childs place value knowledge?*

PE

The children have two PE sessions a week. In PE we will be looking at football skills focusing on dribbling and passing. We will also be continuing to look at ball skills and applying these in games and being able to follow rules. We will also be doing some gymnastics inside focusing on balances and movements.

Redwood and Maple class have PE lessons on **Tuesday and Friday**. We do our best to stick to these days but sometimes they have to change at the last minute. To help us out, please could your child's PE kit be

in school all week. Some PE lessons are outside so please ensure your child has black tracksuit trousers and a black plain jumper especially as the weather gets colder.

PE kit should be a white t-shirt, black coloured shorts, black tracksuit trousers, black jumper and trainers or plimsolls. Make sure all their kit is labelled clearly and is kept in a named bag in a box.

Creative Curriculum

We will be learning all about India and the village of Chembakoli. We will be finding out all about where India is in the world and where the village of Chembakoli is. We will be discovering how life in Chembakoli is similar and different to life for a child in Banbury.

In Science, we will be looking at different materials, their properties and their uses.

In Art this term, we will be looking at different artists: Kandinsky, Klimt, Monet and Bush and we will study the style of art work from these artists and even try and replicate some of their work. We will also be looking at some Indian art linked to Rangoli patterns and henna designs. At the end of the term, we will be having our own art gallery with the work that we have produced.

E-Safety

This term we will be looking at apps and games – recognising which are age appropriate and recognising what information is safe to put online and what is not. We will also discuss how we can keep personal information safe when using the internet.

PE Days – Tuesday and Friday

Reminders and dates

Monday 2nd November– Back to school after half term.
Thursday 5th November - Flu vaccinations.
Thursday 12th November - 9 – 10am - Parent pod for parents of all year groups - see poster in the office or online at: https://www.dashwood-aspirations.org/about-us/dashwood-action-committee/
Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th November - Parents Evening
Monday 16th November - Odd Socks Day – children can wear odd socks to school in support of Anti-bullying
Monday 16th-Friday 20th November - Anti - Bullying Week.
Thursday 19th November – 4-5pm – Reception open evening for new pupils for September 2027
Friday 27th and Monday 30th November – INSET DAY: School closed for all pupils
Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Dinner
Friday 18th December – Last day of Term 2 and Christmas Jumper/Party Dress
Monday 4th January – INSET DAY: School closed for all pupils
Tuesday 5th January - First day back after Christmas Holidays