

### Dates for your Diary

*Please note these may be subject to change.*

*You will be notified of any change or additional events in due course.*

#### 2018 Spring Term Dates

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January:** Spring Reports due out

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January, 7:00pm-7:45pm:** Parent Curriculum evening

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January & Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January:** Parents evening

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January PM: 2RP** Class visit to Stanmore library

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January PM: 2GH** Class visit to Stanmore library

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January PM: 2AS** Class visit to Stanmore library

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January AM: 2UB** Class visits to Stanmore library

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February:** Last day of this half term

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February:** Half term

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February:** Back to school

#### Year 2 Reminder 2017-18

Day due / Checked	Subject	Details
Daily	Reading Records	10-15 minutes of reading with an adult 5 times a week. Parent to sign reading records after reading.
Weekly	Spellings	10 spellings to be learnt and practised every week. To be tested on a Thursday or Friday at school.
	Home Learning	A weekly piece of Maths and English homework to be put on FROG and completed in homework books provided.
	Timetables	Children should be learning and practising their 2, 5 and 10 timetables.

**Please email the office, if you have any questions and they will forward your emails to class teachers:**

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# **2017-2018 Year 2 Newsletter**



## **Edition 3 Spring Term**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring Term. We hope you had a good holiday and wish you all a happy New Year! The Year 2 team would like to say a big thank you to all parents and carers for your fantastic support during our enterprise afternoon. The children really enjoyed making the treats and crafts. The money raised will be put to good use enriching the curriculum for our pupils.

Kind Regards,

Year 2 Team

## Core Curriculum: Spring 1

### English

**Fiction: Owl Babies** – The children will be using this as a basis for writing their own story about a nocturnal animal. This unit will also incorporate their use of grammar, including questions, exclamation sentences and expanded nouns phrases.

**Poetry:** Children will be exploring rhythm, pattern and rhyme when creating Day and Night poems.

**Non-Fiction: Nocturnal animals**- Children will be reading and researching information on nocturnal animals. They will be using this information to create a non-fiction report on their chosen animal.

### Maths

**Place Value**- Children will be partitioning 2 digit numbers and using place value to plot numbers on a number line. They will also be using this knowledge and number facts to solve problems.

**Measurement (Length and Capacity)** – Children will be learning how to choose and use the appropriate standard of units (cm, m) to estimate and measure length and height in any direction and compare order objects based on length. They will also be estimating and measuring capacity to the nearest appropriate unit (ml, l).

**Operations** – Children will be learning to recognise and use the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction and use this to check calculations and solve missing number problems.

**Graphs** – To interpret and construct simple pictograms, tally charts, block diagrams and tables.

**Shapes**-To identify and describe the properties of 3D shapes including the number of edges, faces and vertices (cube, cuboid, sphere, cone, square-based pyramid, triangular-based pyramid, prism).

### Science

**Materials** - The children will be identifying and grouping the uses of everyday materials and comparing the suitability of a range materials for different purposes. They will explain how the shape of objects made from various materials can be changed and why that is. The children will also be exploring the process of recycling and its effect on the environment.

### Home Learning

First we would like to say a big thank you for all the help and support you have given your child on their homework projects. We have been really impressed with how creative they have been and the children are really proud of them. We will be reducing the amount of creative projects, and starting this Spring term we will now be introducing weekly Maths and English homework. This will be uploaded onto FROG each week and children will be expected to complete this in their Home Learning books. Books will be given out on a Friday and will be due in on a Tuesday. This will be starting from Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January.

### Attendance

We would just like to remind you that an absence at any stage leads to gaps in your child's learning which can affect their confidence in school. As a school we expect 97% attendance however parents should be aiming for 98% or above.



### City of London Sinfonia

Year 2 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their music concert with the City of London Sinfonia. For those of you who were able to join we hope you did too. It was a wonderful afternoon filled with incredible music. We are very privileged to have been able to provide this enriching opportunity for the children. We hope the exposure to such talent has inspired your children to consider learning a musical instrument in year 3.

### Great Fire of London Workshop

Last term we started off our History topic on The Great Fire of London with a very creative workshop. The children were very enthusiastic and keen to take on different roles from 1666. They found the workshop very exciting and came away with learning a great deal about the Great Fire of London which inspired some great pieces of writing.

