

## Autumn

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the new school year! We hope you all had a great break, and we're very happy to welcome you and your child into their new class.

### English

Our first text of the year is "Poles Apart" by Jeanne Willis, where the children will be exploring how to create eye catching and informative posters. They will also be developing their non-fiction writing skills by creating instructions and reports.

### Maths

To begin, the children will focus on deepening their understanding of places value for number 0 to 100. They will continue to secure their understanding of timetables by counting in 2s,5s and 10s. They will also refer to the part-part-whole model to assist in addition and subtraction within 100.

### Science

In science, the children will be learning about living things and their habitat. The children will be investigating the difference between living and non-living things, identifying animals' basic needs and exploring their different habitats.

### Art & Music

In music, the children will be exploring South African music and using their hands and feet to make different beats and rhythms. In Art, they will be developing their drawing and sketching skills whilst exploring different artists. Then finishing the unit by experimenting with photographing their own work.

### Geography

This half term we will be learning all about Antarctica and answering the inquiry question "Why don't penguins need to fly?". Each week the children will explore the key features of Antarctica and how it is different to other areas of the world such as the Arctic region and Zambia.

### PSHME

We will discuss and learn about safe relationships including what is friendship, how to make friends and be a good friend, what is bullying, the difference between happy surprises and secrets.

### RE

Year 2 will be learning about Christianity and Christians beliefs about Jesus' life and teachings through different stories, each exploring a different Christian value.

### Computing

Computing will focus on computer systems and networks, looking at information technology around us.

### MFL

In Spanish the children will revisit Spanish greetings and how to introduce themselves. They will also practising naming different body parts and basic emotions.

### P.E.

We will be learning cooperation in team building games and building our fundamental movement skills.

**Thank you for all your support!**  
**Mr Smith, Ms Swindells & Ms Cliftlands**



**Brindishe  
Green**

Please listen to your child read at home every day (5-10 minutes) and where possible from a variety of texts. Please ensure that their reading records, reading books and Me books come to school in book bags **every day**.

#### **PE days:**

**Parakeet: Tue & Thu**

**Kestrel: Wed & Thu**

**Woodpecker: Mon & Fri**

Please come to school wearing appropriate clothing for PE (trainers, leggings/shorts/tracksuit bottoms, t-shirt, sweatshirt or hoodie).

#### **Year 2 Home learning:**

Each week, you child will have a

- A reading task on BugClub
- A maths task on Sumdog

Log ins will be added to the inside of their Me books covers next week. There will be a half termly project, due in the last week of the half term.

#### **Me Books**

We are also sending home a 'Me book' in which there will fortnightly activities to be shared in children's books to complete together. Me books can be brought back into school to share with the teacher and class any day before the date stated on each activity.

#### **Other Class Information:**

This term the children will be having a visit from the London Fire Brigade to learn about fire safety.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October we are hoping to visit London Aquarium, more information to follow.

#### **Lost Property**

Children are encouraged to look after their belongings. If an item of clothing is found with no name on it, the item will be taken to lost property for the children to collect in the playground at the end of the day.

#### **Getting in Touch!**

If you have a question, concern or query, please email the office at [info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk) and your email will be forwarded to the relevant member of staff.