

Dear parents and carers

Welcome back to Term 2 at Redfield! It has been a great start to the year, and I have really enjoyed getting to know you all. I hope you have had a restful break and are ready for another term of learning and amazing achievements.



Anjana, Lee and Hanan make up the Year 2 team. Hanan is our Learning Support Assistant who works across both classes.

Anjana



Hanan



Lee



Our whole school value this term is 'Compassion' and our topic is 'The Great Fire of London'. The children have already shown a keen interest. We had a guest appearance from Samuel Pepys, who read some of his diary extract. The children have had a great start to the term showing a wonderful enthusiasm.

Please have a look at our topic web on the school website for more information about what we will be learning over the term.

Mike will be teaching Tigers on Thursday mornings this term. If this does change, I will let you know as soon as possible.

Land events, Trips and other events

Land Event – Great Fire of London Art Gallery – 8.12.23 at 2:15

Nativity Performance 1 – 12.12.23 at 2:15pm

Nativity Performance 2 – 13.12.23 at 9:30am

Share my learning – This is a chance for you to have a look at your child's learning in their books - 4.12.23 at 3:20 – 4:00pm

If any of these dates or times change, you will be notified on SeeSaw.

Drop off and pick up

- Please drop your children off at the classroom door between **8.45am and 8.55am** registration starts promptly at **8:55am**. Please collect children at **3:25pm** from our classroom door.

Class Expectations

- We are continuing to practice our Redfield Way this year, and will always aim to be kind, safe and ready.
- Show and tell will take place every **Thursday**.
- Please **do not bring in toys** or stationery from home as we have everything the children need and it can also be upsetting if special possessions are lost or broke.

PE

- Our PE days are **Wednesday and Friday**. Please ensure children come to school on those days wearing suitable clothing and footwear (trainers, t-shirt, leggings, joggers or shorts).

Spelling

- Spelling tests will usually take place on a Friday. Spellings can be accessed on our class page on the school website and on SeeSaw.
- Each week's list of words will be linked to a particular spelling pattern, phonic sounds and statutory Year 2 spellings.

Reading

- Reading at home can have a huge impact on children's progress, as well as encouraging them to read for pleasure.
- All children will bring reading books home from school, and they may have books of their own choice from home or the public library that they choose to read.
- Children should read to an adult at least 5 times a week for 10 minutes.
- If your child mainly reads on their own, it is helpful to talk to them about what they're reading and ask them to summarise what they have read so far.
- Please record in your child's reading record when they have read. This can simply be a signature.
- The children receive a sticker every time they read 5 times a week. If they have 5 stickers by the end of term, they will receive a prize!

Further home learning

1. Read every day with your child and write down book title, page number and comment in reading record.
2. Play on Hit the Button every day (free app available) and practice number bonds to 50. Link to website: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>
3. Practice counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s. Link to songs to support: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GvTcpfSnOMQ>

Communication

- Seesaw is the easiest way to contact us. We aim to reply to Seesaw messages within 2 working days.
- **Please don't use Seesaw for emergency messages as we cannot check them while teaching or in meetings. Continue to call the office for emergency messages.**
- A member of the Year 2 team will be available on the classroom door at 3.25pm every day. We are happy to catch up for an informal chat then and can arrange a meeting for longer conversations – we will aim to arrange meetings within a week.
- We will send out all school messages through Seesaw, so please let us know as soon as possible if you are having trouble accessing your account. We will also update Seesaw with news about our learning in class and photos of the children's work.
- The school website will be updated termly to share topics maps, spelling lists and any additional resources that can support learning at home.

Can you help?

- We would like to build a directory of skills or expertise that our families would be willing to volunteer in school.
- Please could you let us know if you would like to support in school and have a particular skill (for example an art technique or drama experience) or area of expertise that you would be willing to talk about (such as a career, religion, or knowledge of a different country or culture).
- We would love to involve as many families as possible in our learning, and year groups across the school may ask to draw on your expertise.
- If you are interested in and able to support on trips or visits this year, we would also love to hear from you.
- Thank you in advance if you are able to contribute!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

Anjana