



QUEENSMEAD PRIMARY ACADEMY

YEAR 2 TERMLY NEWSLETTER: AUTUMN TERM 2023

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, 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.</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 Uniform Direct in Leicester City Centre.</p>	START OF DAY ACTIVITY	<p>This term we are having a focus on handwriting.</p>  <p>Therefore, during this time your child will have the opportunity to practise and improve their handwriting.</p>
				ARRIVE ON TIME	<p>For the first 15 minutes of every day 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 every day.</p> <p>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 8:50am) every day.</p> 

YEAR 2 CURRICULUM	<p>English This term we will share lots of stories written by our class author. We will also share a range of fantastic Pirate stories and build on the super work we completed in year 1.</p> 	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	<p>Our PE day this term is Wednesday. PE is part of our academy curriculum and we expect all children to come to school in their PE kit so that they can take part in their indoor and outdoor PE sessions.</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 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> <p>We can't wait to see them!</p>
	<p>Mathematics We will be focusing on Place Value, addition and subtraction this term in Mathematics. We would be grateful if you could practise and consolidate the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables with your child (forwards and backwards)</p> <p>Theme/Science In the first part of the Autumn Term our theme is 'Knowing me, knowing you'. We will look at a range of different stories about friendship and how to work well with others. During Autumn 1 in Science, we will be studying Animals including humans. Children will complete tasks on how they have grown over time; focusing on how they have changed from a baby, to a toddler, to now. We will also be learning about Animals and their babies.</p> <p>During the second half of the Autumn Term we will focus on Science and our topic will be called 'Material world'. We will look closely at different everyday materials and why they have been used. Children will have the opportunity to design and create an item. They will pick suitable materials and explain why they have been used.</p>	READING	<p>Your child will bring home a 'Reading for Pleasure' book for you to share with them. Your child will also be assigned an ebook <u>or</u> given a book to bring home that matches their reading ability.</p> <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. Your child is able to change their own reading book in the library, when they have read with an adult at least three times. Please record any reading you do in your child's reading diary. Their books will be changed every Thursday.</p>	FOREST SCHOOL/ TRIPS	<p>The children are going on an exciting trip to Beaumanor Hall on Thursday 28th September 2023. It will be a Pirate themed day.</p> <p>During the second half of Autumn term we will be visiting a local Church.</p> <p>This term forest school will be on a Monday, please send a pair of wellies or a change of shoes that can get muddy. Children will also need a waterproof jacket. We will go out in all weathers.</p>
<p>If you have any problem or concern – who do you ask?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class Teachers – Miss Onions, Mrs McCartney, Mrs Kendrick, Mrs Chivers • Deputy Principals – Mrs Bentley & Mrs Catlow • Principal – Mrs Latham <p>Thank you on behalf of the Year 2 team.</p>					