



Start with Art!

Welcome to Year Two!

We hope you all had a fun-filled and restful summer holiday. The children have come back to school full of excitement and stories, and it has been lovely for the Year 2 team to see familiar faces and meet some new ones! After spending some time getting to know their new teachers, the Year Two children have begun to get stuck in with our project this term - Start With Art!



This project will see the children focusing on developing skills across a range of media, such as drawing, painting, sculpture and more. They will also learn about various artists and their techniques, such as Frida Kahlo and Georges Seurat as well as looking at various artists across different continents in Geography. We launched the project by looking at primary and secondary colours and exploring how colour can be manipulated and applied in different painting styles.



We hope they are going to love the start to their new year group!

Reading!



Children who read 3 times a week or more at home make the most progress in reading. This increases their confidence and we also see great progress in writing and maths. Children can make huge progress in reading as their phonic knowledge is consolidated and confidence rises. **Please read at least 4 times a week and record in reading diaries for 5 dojos :).**

Spellings

Week 1: because

Week 2: hold gold fold old told cold

Week 3: people eye whole

Week 4: improve move who beautiful

Week 5: sure

Week 6: again any many once

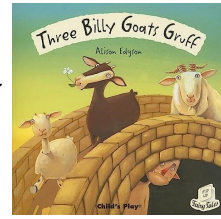
Week 7: friend

Pick up at the end of the day

If possible, please keep to your classes' "zone" when waiting for your child at the end of the day. Robins parents stand to the left of the playground (as you face the Y2 door), Woodpeckers in the middle, and Owls parents nearest the school entrance gates. Thank you!

English

This term we will be diving into the traditional tale Three Billy Goats Gruff, learning how to write our own traditional tale. Our non-fiction unit will focus on the life of Frida Kahlo and her 'animalitos'. We will write reports about her artwork and Mexico...where she lived.



Maths

To get back into the swing of things children will be looking at identifying different 2D shapes and understanding the language of vertices and sides. Once their maths brains are warmed up again we will move onto the main focus of the term which is place value, understanding the value of tens and ones digits of numbers up to 100 and being able to tell their learning partner one less, one more, 10 less and 10 more from any given number.

School Visit

We are very lucky to be able to go to the Hastings Contemporary Art Gallery again this year on Tuesday 10th October. (A letter will follow shortly to confirm details)



The exhibitions in October will be:

Nengi Omuku <https://www.houldsworth.co.uk/artists/168-nengi-omuku/overview/>

Roland Hicks <http://www.rolandhicks.co.uk/Home1.html>

And...Quentin Blake! The children will also have a local sculptor run a workshop with them.

With rising coach costs this would not be able to happen without a donation from the Friends of Pashley to help keep your costs down. The friends also heavily subsidise our Buzz trip in the summer. So thank you to them very much.

This year we aim to have a few stand alone Year 2 fundraising events to help pay towards these trips. I hope you will be able to support the initiatives. Details to follow nearer the events.

Project homework



We are so excited to welcome the children back to our Start with Art project and would really like some hanging pieces to brighten up our corridors. Pieces maybe made from different materials you have around at home (paper Mache, fabric, cardboard etc). It can be anything from a colourful paintbrush or pallet to a glue stick or scissors. Please ensure a short piece of string is attached to your model so we can hang them up. :) We really can't wait to see your creations!

Plea for helpers

We are desperate for parents/grandparents to help with reading or on our allotment. If you can spare any time, even half an hour after drop off, then please let you class teachers know.

Thank you very much



Dates for your diary:



Thursday 7th September: 9-10.30 Year 2 parent workshop (welcome to year 2)

Tuesday 12th September: TWILIGHT (no ladybirds)

Wednesday 20th Individual school photographs

Friday 22nd September: Robins parent assembly (2.15pm)

Friday 6th October: Foodbank Friday

WPS parent assembly (2.15pm)

Tuesday 10th October: Year 2 trip to Hastings Contemporary gallery

Tuesday 17th October Parents evening

Thursday 19th October Parents evening

Friday 20th October: Owls parent assembly (2.15pm)

Friday 20th October: Last Day Term 1