



Year 2 Newsletter



2018

As-salamu alaykum (Peace Be Upon You)

We would like to wish you a warm welcome back to another exciting year. The Year 2 team are looking forward to teaching your children and we have no doubt that this will be an exciting and eventful year for all of us. We are also looking forward to working with you, the parents, to help the children excel in all areas of their school life. This curriculum letter serves to provide you with important information about the Autumn term and we hope you find it useful and informative.

The Year 2 Team



Class Name	Class Teacher	Learning Coach (LC)
Bint Abee Bakr	Ms Deniz	Miss Aarifah
Ibn Abbas	Mr Hamza	Miss Khaleda (LC) Miss Zaiba (SEND)
Ibn Zayd	Mrs Hamid	Miss Lubna

Uniform

It is really important that children represent our school by wearing the correct uniform at all times. Please ensure your child wears the correct school uniform. It would be incredibly helpful if you could please make sure that **all** pieces of uniform are labelled with your child's name. We would also like to encourage you to make sure your child wears the correct black footwear. We are sure you would agree the children look really smart in the Olive School uniform.

PE days	Class Name	Bint Abee Bakr	Ibn Abbas	Ibn Zayd
	Day	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday



PE is an important part of the curriculum and a lesson that the children very much enjoy. Please help support your child with bringing in their PE kits as soon as possible so that they can then leave them at school for the term. It would be incredibly helpful if each piece of clothing is clearly labelled. Although it is warm at the moment, the weather can suddenly become cooler and so it may be a good idea to also bring in jogging bottoms as well as shorts.

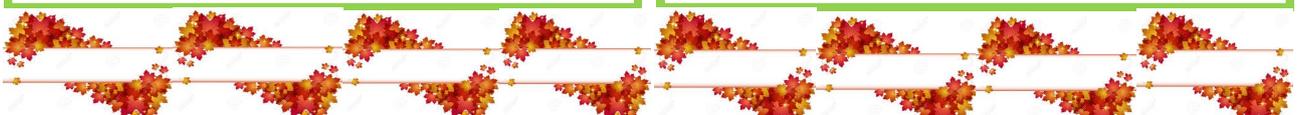
Water

It is really important that children have access to fresh water throughout the day. This helps the children maintain their focus and concentration because they are not thirsty during the day. Please support us by providing your child with a water bottle which has their names written clearly on them. We will then make sure their water is topped up throughout the day. Thank you.

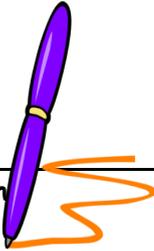
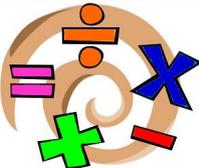
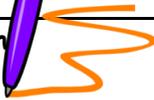


Important dates for your diary

- 10th September: Meet and Greet Evening
- 1st October: Enrichment Clubs begin
- 31st October: Mini Baccalaureate Awards
- 20th October - 28th October: Half term holidays
- 7th December: Ibn Abbas class assembly
- 14th December: Bint Abee Bakr class assembly
- 30th November: Ibn Zayd class assembly
- 11th December: Report Cards given out
- 12th - 13th December: Parents' Evening
- 19th December: End of Autumn term



Here is an overview of the units this term.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
Maths 	Numbers to 1000 Addition and Subtraction Multiplication and Division Length	
English 	Fiction: Stories with a Familiar Setting Non-Fiction: Explanation Text	Fiction: Poetry Non-fiction: Non-chronological texts
Science	Animals Including Humans— Growing Up 	Materials—Shaping Up
History/ Geography	History — Kings and Queens	Geography — Compare London to Village in India
ICT	We are Astronauts—programming on screen	We are Photographers—digital images
RE	Hinduism	Hinduism and Christianity
Visual Arts	Sculptures	Building Homes—circuits 
Music	Speaking in chants, rhyming	Listen to a range of live and recorded music
PE	Gymnastics/Expressive movement	Throwing and catching—inventing games
MFL	Arabic	Arabic
PSHE	It's Our World	Say No!

Punctuality and Attendance

It is important that your child arrives on time everyday to school to ensure that they have a good start to the day. Please send your child to school as much as possible so that they can maximise their learning throughout the year. If your child is absent from school, please provide a letter stating the reason for absence on their return.



Homework

By giving your child homework each week, we are helping them practise their learning they have been taught in the week. It is very important that they complete all of their homework neatly into their Homework books and this will be monitored closely. Homework will be set on Friday of each week and will need to be completed and returned by Monday of the following week. Your child will be getting:

- Spellings to practise
- Times tables and number facts
- Big question project homework—to be completed by the end of the term
- Literacy (writing) homework
- Maths homework

In addition to the homework above, it is incredibly important that your child reads every single day for 15 minutes to an adult. Your child must show evidence of their reading by filling in their Reading Records every night and then hand it into their teacher the following day who will monitor their reading. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to any member of the Year 2 team.

Kind regards,
The Year 2 team