

Dates for your diary

- Children's Mental Health Week: 1st – 5th February
- Safer Internet Day: 9th February

Until further notice, schools in England will again be expected to play a new role in support of vulnerable learners and key workers. This will involve the school being open for some of our pupils but many will be working at home. We have created home learning packs, which can be accessed through the school website or in paper form via the school office. The school office will be open each day.

For Year 2 families, teachers will continue to make phone calls three times per week to discuss learning tasks with you at key intervals and offer any help or support you might need.

Further information about Year 2 Home Learning can be found on the school website here <https://hoxtongarden.hackney.sch.uk/year-2-january-2021/>

Also your child's work and projects can be sent to their teachers via this email address: hoxtonhomelearning@vs.hackney.sch.uk

Year Two Spring 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to welcome you back and hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing and productive Christmas break. Thank you for supporting your children with their half term holiday homework relating to our new topics.

Please feel free to speak to us about your child's progress or any concerns you may have. Information about what your child will learn this half term is on the inside of this booklet. Throughout term time and within school hours there will be accessibility to the parent room to change reading books should you wish to do so. We look forward to working with you and your child.

Best wishes,

Year 2 Team

Our topic this half term is Explorers

Literacy

As writers, we will be looking at stories with recurring language. We will also be writing a non-chronological report, using subheadings and including factual information. After reading some poetry, we will get the opportunity to write and recite our own to an audience.

Recommended Reads

- The Secret Sky Garden by Linda Sarah
- Ruby's Worry by Tom Percival

Music

As musicians, we will be improvising and composing.

Art and Design Technology

As artists, we will be researching the work of Van Gogh looking at brush strokes. We will also be developing techniques in brush strokes and sketch a sunflower in the style of Van Gogh. We will then create a painting of a sunflower in the style of Van Gogh; and review our work.

Mathematics

As mathematicians, we will be developing our understanding of addition and subtraction. We will be learning more about money and looking at different combinations to make amounts. Finally, we will be exploring shape further, looking at their properties and using these to make comparisons.



History

As historians, we will be learning about Christopher Columbus. We will be generating questions from historical sources to retell the story of Christopher Columbus' life and research other sources of evidence to answer questions about the past. We will also learn how our lives are different from those in the past.

Science

As scientists, we will be learning about plants. We will be investigating the germination conditions and name the parts of a bulb. We will also be drawing conclusions about the requirements for plants growth and explore how seeds are dispersed.

RE: Why do Jewish people celebrate Hanukkah?

PSHCE: Let's Work: The world of work / looking forward

ICT

We will be looking at Digital Literacy: Video

Physical Education

As gymnasts, we will be looking at different ways to balance. We will perform a forward roll with safety and control; then combine a pike and tuck with a roll with good control. We will also explore different ways to climb and dismount from a horse and perform a sequence of balances and rolls to an audience.