

PRIDE IN EXCELLENCE

# WELCOME TO YEAR 2

12th September 2023

# YEAR GROUP TEAM

## Teachers

- Mrs Hardgrave (2H) - year group leader
- Miss Brussard (2B)
- Mr Hawkins (2T)

## Teaching assistants

- Miss Blake-Sadler (2H)
- Miss Humphrey (2H)
- Miss Page (2B)
- Miss Berry (2T)

# COMMUNICATION

- Face to face communication is are preferred method
- Class teachers are available at the start and end of every day if you need to hand over any information
- Speak to the class teacher first if any issues arise
- If you need to discuss anything related to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, arrange an appointment through the main office to meet with Mrs Forde
- Should you wish to meet with Mr Griffin or Miss Ellery, arrange an appointment through the main office
- [schooloffice@purleyoaks.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@purleyoaks.croydon.sch.uk)

# WEDUC

Please make sure you download the WEDUC App.

You will find a range of information regarding your child/children's learning.

- 1) Visit information
- 2) Consent forms
- 3) Dinner menus
- 4) Clubs

<https://app.weduc.co.uk/>

If you have any issues with accessing the app, please go to the main office and staff there will help.



# From phonics to spelling

**In year 2, we are starting a new spelling programme for 2023/4 which is designed as a seamless link from the core Little Wandle Phonics programme to teaching spelling in Year 2.**

# ATTENDANCE

- Children are expected to be in school every day and on time
- Data from 2019 shows that 84% of Key Stage 2 pupils who had 100% attendance achieved the expected standard, compared to 40% of pupils who were persistently absent across the key stage.
- Attendance below 96% has a negative impact on learning

# ONLINE SAFETY


- The school planner has good information on acceptable use of devices. At the beginning of term, children will go through the expectations for online safety.
- At school, we will be having lessons throughout the year about how to stay safe online. We call it computing-safety.
- It is important to be vigilant at home. Check what your child is accessing online and use parental controls.
- Our behaviour expectations are the same even when using technology at home. Incidents of cyber bullying reported to the school will be dealt with in line with our policy.

# ANNUAL OVERVIEW

- <https://www.purleyoaks.croydon.sch.uk/>
- Year 2 overview:  
<https://www.purleyoaks.croydon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Year-2-Annual-Overview.pdf>
- English medium term plan  
<https://www.purleyoaks.croydon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Year-2-Writing.pdf>
- Maths medium term plan  
<https://www.purleyoaks.croydon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Year-2-maths-learning-objectives.pdf>




# KNOWLEDGE ORGANISERS


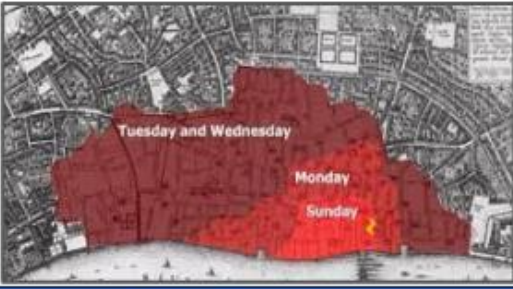


## Key Question: Was London always a cool place?

*Why was the Great Fire of London so catastrophic?*



Historical Vocabulary	
<b>bakery</b>	a place where bread or cakes are made and sold
<b>London</b>	the capital city of England and the United Kingdom
<b>artefacts</b>	an important man-made historical object
<b>diary</b>	a personal record of life's events
<b>eye-witness</b>	a person who has seen something and can give a description
<b>embers</b>	small pieces of glowing coal or wood in a dying fire
<b>flammable</b>	something that burns easily

In this topic, **we are learning to:**

- explore events beyond living memory that are significant nationally.
- explore significant historical events, people and places in their own locality.
- develop an understanding of how the past impacts our lives today.
- understand primary and secondary resources.

### Timeline

<u><b>Sunday 2nd September 1666</b></u> A fire starts in Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane, as news of the fire spreads, people run to escape its path.	<u><b>Monday 3rd September 1666</b></u> Firefighters try to tackle the fire but it spreads quickly. People carry their possessions to safety using a horse and cart or boats on the River Thames.	<u><b>Tuesday 4th September 1666</b></u> Houses are pulled down in an attempt to stop the fire spreading. St Paul's Cathedral is destroyed.	<u><b>Wednesday 5th September 1666</b></u> The fire starts to burn more slowly as the wind dies down.	<u><b>Thursday 6th September 1666</b></u> The fire is finally under control and put out. People are left homeless.
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# KNOWLEDGE ORGANISERS

- Roman Knowledge Organiser-  
<https://www.purleyoaks.croydon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Year-4-Romans-History-Knowledge-Organiser.pdf>
- Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole Knowledge Organiser-  
<https://www.purleyoaks.croydon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Year-2-Florence-Nightingale-and-Mary-Seacole-History-Knowledge-Organiser.pdf>
- Great Fire of London Knowledge Organiser-  
<https://www.purleyoaks.croydon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Year-2-Great-Fire-of-London-History-Knowledge-Organiser.pdf>

The Gambia Knowledge Organiser

<https://www.purleyoaks.croydon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Year-2-The-Gambia-Geography-Knowledge-Organiser.pdf>

# PLANNERS

Planners are a great source of information for parents and students.

Planners need to be in school every day.

Planners will be checked daily.

# PE

- 2H will have PE on Thursdays and Fridays
- 2B will have PE on Mondays and Thursdays
- 2T will have PE on Mondays and Wednesdays
- **CHILDREN SHOULD WEAR THEIR PE KIT TO SCHOOL ON THE DAYS THEY HAVE PE AND REMAIN IN THE KIT. PE DAYS WILL CHANGE EVERY HALF TERM.**

## PE KIT:

- Blue shorts (MAPAC)
- Blue PE t-shirt with logo (MAPAC)
- School Jumper/ Cardigan
- Blue jogging bottoms - optional for outdoor PE
- Plimsolls or trainers

# HOMework

- Spelling homework will be set every Friday on Google Classroom.
- They will also be set either 2, 5, or 10 times tables.
- They will be tested on both spellings and times tables every Friday.
- Children are expected to read with an adult every night and discuss what they have read.
- Children are expected to log on daily to:
- TTRockstars <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student/55760>
- Numbots <https://play.numbots.com/#/account/search-school>

We always encourage children to bring in any extra work completed at home so we can celebrate their learning.

# UNIFORM

- A reminder that children are expected to wear black school shoes daily (other than for PE days).
- Long hair should be tied back.
- Only acceptable jewellery is small studded earrings.
- If you have any issues, please speak to your class teacher.

# CLUBS

- Sign up for these on WeDuc
- They cost £1 per session
- There will be a mixture of clubs; sport, academic, baking and music
- Clubs which are invitation only will be communicated separately

# CHRISTMAS SHOW

- This year, Year 2 will be performing a Christmas show in December.
- More details to come closer to the time.



# TRIPS

- In Autumn 2, we will be having a African workshop for our topic The Gambia at the Horniman Museum.
- In the spring, we are hoping to go to Brighton again. This links to our geography topic on comparing urban and coastal areas.
- In the summer, we will visit the ARC centre to consolidate our learning about habitats and food chains in science and go for walks in our local area.

# Wonderful Wednesdays

Please join us on Wednesdays from 8:30 to 9:00 to support your child with their learning.

This will start on the 4th October.

**Thank you for listening. Do you have  
any questions?**

