

Dates to remember:

| Date | Event |
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| WB. 5 th February | Chinese New Year Celebrations |
| Tuesday 6 th February | Internet Safety Day |
| Tuesday 6 th February and Thursday 8 th February | Parent's Consultations (more details to follow) |
| Monday 12 th - Friday 16 th February | Half Term |
| Tuesday 27 th February | Space Dome to Visit TBC (more details to follow) |
| Thursday 7 th March | World Book Day |
| Monday 11 th March - Friday 15 th March | Science Week |
| Friday 22 nd March | FOLBA Disco |
| Thursday 28 th March at 2pm | Term Ends |
| Monday 15 th April | Training Day |
| Tuesday 16 th April | Children back to school |

Don't forget to keep checking on our school Twitter page, for photographs of school activities and sporting events that take place this year.



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Contacting your child's class teacher: If you need to speak to your child's teacher please contact the school office or talk to the teacher on the door. You can also email the teachers via the year group email: year2@ladybankes.school and we will get back to you as soon as possible.



Year 2 Newsletter

Spring Term 2024

Edition 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term we are focusing on the question 'What kind of Explorer would you be?' We hope the following information is of help to you. The aim is to give you a more detailed idea about activities and events taking place in Year 2 this half term.

We look forward to working with you and your children throughout this half term.

The Year 2 team

The children have settled back into school really well last week and we are extremely pleased to see how excited and motivated they are to start learning their new topics!

This half term we are looking forward to learning about two very different yet equally significant explorers; Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus. We will be learning about their explorative achievements and the different ways in which they discovered the world and beyond. The children will be collating lots of information on both Explorers and answering the all-important question 'What kind of Explorer



would you be?'

In Art and DT we have some fantastic lessons coming up, where we will further add to our knowledge of Space by closely observing the planets using pastels and creating model space buggies! The children will be looking at space buggies that have successfully explored space, noting features that are important to include in their own, as well as some original ideas! Please see the curriculum newsletter for further information on what the children will be doing across the rest of the curriculum this term.

Trips and visitors' information 2024: We are just awaiting confirmation from the Space Dome who will be coming in to visit us this term. The children will experience a trip to Space and learn all about the stars, all in the comfort of a blown up dome! This visit is always a firm favourite with Year 2 children, they come away fascinated by the facts and stories they have been told.

Look out for exciting information coming out about more school trips and visitors during the half term and a letter will be going out about our trip to Whipsnade Zoo very soon!

P.E: Children are expected to have their named PE kits in for PE days. As the weather is colder, please ensure your child has black jogging bottoms, shorts, their school colour house top and the school PE zip jacket. Below you will find the day your child's PE lessons are.

| | PE days | |
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| 2HF and 2ED | Tuesday | Friday |
| 2US | Tuesday | Wednesday |

Home learning: Thank you for all the parents and children that are completing their home learning at home. In Year 2, the children are given home learning every Friday on Google Classroom. The children are expected to complete these tasks and evidence should be uploaded via Google Classroom (a photo) by the following **Wednesday (Friday at the latest)**. Please email the Year 2 team if you have any issues or are struggling to complete the tasks set. We have included our home learning timetable to remind you of the expectations.

| | Handed out | Due in |
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| English | Friday | Wednesday |
| Maths | Friday | Wednesday |
| Reading | Minimum five times per week | |
| Spellings (Spring term) | Weekly | Tested in class every Friday am. |