

Autumn Term 2017 - Edison Class

A great start!

We have settled in really well to our new Year 2 classroom. We are starting to learn new routines and are excited about exploring our topics.

Maths

This half term we will focus on mastering and understanding the value of numbers, including:

- Using place value to order.
- Representing numbers using objects.
- 2x, 5x and 10x tables at speed.
- Recalling pairs of number to 20.

Topic Theme: Who am I?

During this topic we will learn:

- The body parts of humans.
- The importance of being healthy.
- Compare their lives with that of others.
- Use a range of media to create self portraits.
- Use ICT to share information about themselves.
- Learn about the home countries of people in our community.

R.E

We will first explore 'creation' and ask a number of questions about how the world began.

English

This year will explore a really lovely range of exciting and fun texts. We will focus on:

- Writing in past and present tense.
- Using conjunctions 'and' 'but' 'so' 'because'.
- Using ? . ! reliably in sentences.
- Using words that end in -ment, -ful, -ness and -ly.

Talk for Writing

Your child will continue to learn and explore texts to support their writing using this method. Whenever we learn a new text, you will receive a picture of our 'story map' (symbols) and a copy of the text. It is very beneficial to practise these with your child to help them learn structure of the sentences. It is incredible to see how this supports their writing so thank you in advance.

Spelling

You will soon receive a pack of spelling rules and Common exception words which your child will need to learn throughout year 2. Feel free to help your child explore their spellings in a fun way such as using Lego or paint. These will be stuck in their new planners each week.

P.E.

We will have PE on a Tuesday (indoor) and Friday (outdoor). This is a very important part of your child's learning so please ensure a full kit is in school every week.

Reading

Your child will receive their reading book this week. In the near future, you will also receive a new-style reading record/diary where you can communicate with the adults in school. These will be checked by staff in school. Please record each time you read with your child, as this is vital for us to know when to change your child's book.

Class Dojo and Twitter

We have started to use a new program to reward hard work and good progress in our class. This is an online system where children can earn points.

I also often share our good learning and success on our twitter account [@stbarnabasyork](#) so please check this out when you can.

If you have any enquires, you are always welcome to see Mr Hazeldine for a short chat at the end of the day.

Mr Hazeldine and Miss Gray

Labelled Clothing

*It is so lovely to see our class in the correct uniform at the start of the year. It would be very helpful for us if you could ensure **all jumpers** are clearly labelled. When they are not named, children find it difficult to know which is theirs and this can often result in them being misplaced. Thank you.*