

Date: 15 September 2023

Welcome Back! The children have settled in really well and are ready for the journey that is Year 2.



The Final Parting



Ship of Fools

This week in Year 2:

We have started the Kilmorie Art Project. The paintings we are focusing on are *The Final Parting* (Henry Nelson O'Neill, 1861) and *Ship of Fools* (Kehinde Wiley, 2017). This year's theme is *Journeys*. Everybody goes on journeys. They can be long or short. Journeys can be fun, exciting, happy, sad and scary.

Zones of Regulation:



The Zones of Regulation help us to talk about our feelings and identify how they change throughout the day. Children started to explore the different strategies they could use to move towards the **Green** zone. [You can read more on our website.](#)

Weekly Learning Letter

Maths / Number:

Our first focus will be number and place value. To begin, we wrote down numbers 0 – 20 in digits. Perhaps you can go on a scavenger hunt and make a list of the numbers you see around you.



Reading:

This week, we have been listening to each child read and chatting about the different types of books they like to read. Children will be given a reading journal, which they should bring in everyday in their bookbags. Please feel free to write in the journal about your child's reading.

Once we have had a chance to read with every child, we will be letting the children know their reading day.

Home learning ideas:

Think about the journeys you have taken. How did they make you feel? Perhaps you could draw a map of your journey to school and label what happens along the way.

PE days

Year 2 PE days are as follows and the children will need to bring a PE kit to school that day (appropriate for both indoor and outdoor PE). We recommend that the children leave their PE kit in school for the half term and bring it home to wash at the end of the term.

Kate: Indoor – Monday Outdoor – Tuesday
Sarah: Indoor – Monday Outdoor – Thursday
Shona: Indoor – Friday Outdoor – Tuesday

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Outdoor Learning:

We will have sessions in the Wild Garden on the following days. Please send your child into school with the appropriate clothing (eg jumpers, jeans, wellies).

Kate: Wednesday

Shona: Thursday

Sarah: Friday

Forthcoming events:

FAO: Kate's Class

Please can the children bring in a soft toy (that they don't mind leaving in school for a while). This is for our art project next week, don't worry if they don't have a soft toy, we will provide one.

In November, the Year 2 classes will be visiting Dulwich Picture Gallery for art workshops. As we wouldn't be able to extend learning without the help of parents on these trips, we are really grateful for the help of parents. Please look out for an email closer to the time with further details.

On 27th September, we have workshop from the *Institute of Imagination*. If you have any of the following, please could you bring them into class.

- Recyclable materials/junk (empty clean bottles, toilet rolls, egg carton, bottle lids, cereal boxes etc.) The more junk the better!
- Craft materials (pipe cleaners, coloured card, lollipop sticks, feathers etc.) Anything you have that is colourful.

School website:

Please do [visit our website](#), you can find details of forthcoming events on the [calendar](#) (& you can subscribe to your child/ren's year group so it will auto update your calendar), as well as photos of learning activities including educational visits in the [photo gallery](#), read all about recent events and sporting achievements in the [school news](#) section and much, much more!

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kate, Sarah and Shona