



Old Palace Year 2 Newsletter Summer 1

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Year 1 Learning this Half Term

English	Maths	Topic	Computing	Music	RE	PE
Fiction in a series	Mass and capacity	Blooming baskets	Create a database	What's the score? (instruments and symbols)	Holy Books: words which are special to us	Send and return
Character description	Position and direction	DT				
Recount		Structures				

Below is some key information for your child's year group. Please take time to read the newsletter with your child and keep it in a safe place.

Keeping Safe

We would like to say a big thank you to the parents for your support in following the safety procedures. Please continue to follow the guidance including carrying out twice weekly tests at home. Home testing kits for families with primary school children are available at most chemists and can be ordered from [Schools home test kits](#). Remember these kits are only for use when family members have **NO** symptoms. If you or anyone in your household have symptoms **everyone** in the household must self-isolate immediately must book a PCR test by calling NHS 119 or by visiting [book a pcr test](#)

Please also remember that children should not be mixing outside of school. If you are making use of external childcare providers or out of school extra-curricular activities for your children, it is important that they limit the amount of providers/ setting you are using, ideally limiting this to just one, to help minimize the number of people their child is coming into contact with. Parents should also check that the provider has in place their own protective measures in line with government guidance. Please see this link to [guidance for parents](#). The school is taking great care to limit contacts within school time, please do not undermine this by allowing children from different households or bubbles to mix out of school.

Easter School

We would like to say a massive thank you to the parents who sent their children to Easter School and the staff who gave up their holiday. The children have benefitted greatly from this opportunity. In Maths, they were able to cover the topic of number and in English they were able to develop their reading comprehension and writing skills.

Nourish

Our new catering company, Nourish, will be providing our lunches. In addition to a meat/fish and a vegetarian option, the children will also have the option of choosing a jacket potato and topping each day. All children will also receive a hot meal, rather than some years having to have a packed lunch bi-weekly. The new menu has been uploaded to the school website or you can click [here](#).

New Covid Roadmap

The government have announced that we are entering step 2 of the road map out of lockdown. This entails the following:



If things go well, step 2 will start on Monday, 12 April.

Shops will open, including:



- hairdressers and nail salons



- libraries and community centres



- zoos and theme parks



- drive-in cinemas



- campsites and holiday cottages.



Indoor gyms will open up - but you have to go on your own or with people in your household.



Restaurants, cafés and pubs will be able to serve people sitting at a table outside. You should keep to your household group or bubble.



You can have up to 30 people at a funeral and up to 15 people at a wedding, or an event to remember someone.



You should still keep 2 metres away from people.

For the full roadmap, please click [here](#).

Pick up times

Starting Monday 19th April, we are making some changes to our collection time.

If you have children in more than one year group, they will all need to be picked up at 3pm at the same gate as their morning drop off. For example, if you have a child in Year 1 and 4, both children will need to be picked up at 3pm (instead of the earlier time of 2:45pm).

If you have children in Years 3 and 5 **only**, then the collection time stays the same (3:15pm)

Children cannot go home with their Year 6 sibling. They will need to be picked up at their designated collection time.

Trips

Unfortunately, due to current restrictions, trips are not happening this half term. However, as restrictions continue to ease, we do hope to provide an end of year trip for each year group.



Assessment and Catch up

Although the government has announced that no SATs will take place this year, we continue to assess the children's knowledge and understanding during lessons. This gives the teachers a greater understanding of the areas the children need to focus on and identify any gaps in the learning. In order to help the children catch up, we will be having 3 sets for English and Maths and a range of other interventions where the children who need most support are taken out to work either 1:1 or in a small group for 30 minutes; one example of this is a reading group where the focus is on supporting comprehension.

In terms of the wider curriculum, no special support is needed in Science and Humanities as topics repeat. We will be holding two DT days before the end of term to catch up on this subject.

Reading

New Bug Club books have been allocated for the children to read. Each week, please help your child to read the book and answer the comprehension questions.

Children also take home a weekly library book. This will be sent home on Tuesday and is to be returned in their book bag on the following Monday.

Spellings

Children receive weekly spelling homework. It is important you practice spelling the words with your child.
Remember: **Look, say, cover, write, check.**

We have a weekly spelling test on Wednesday.

Maths

Please continue practicing:

- Counting forwards and backwards from the number 100
- Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s
- Mental recall of number bonds to 20, 50 and 100
- Times table: 2, 3, 5 and 10 times table

e-safety

As children are using digital devices to access information and complete their homework, please remember to ensure they are using them safely. For tips and advice on how to do this click [here](#) for a simple guide.

It covers the use of social media (for children 13 years and over), risks of online gaming, and use of parental controls.

Topic

This half term, our topic is Blooming Baskets. As part of this topic, the children will be taking part in lots of investigations and planting.

Homework

Year 2 will receive homework via Google Classroom. These will be uploaded every Thursday. They are expected to complete the following:

- Weekly spellings
- Grammar
- Maths

These need to be submitted every Monday.

Please email admin@oldpalace.towerhamlets.sch.uk if you need your Google Classroom login details.

Half Termly Sheets

Don't forget you can check out our school website to find out about what your child will be learning, use the 'subject for half term' area where you will find useful prompts to ask your children what they have been learning.

<https://oldpalaceprimary.co.uk/our-learning/subjects/>

Ramadan & Eid

At present, it is predicted that Eid ul Fitr will fall on Thursday 13th May. If this is the case, the school will be closed for that day, followed by an inset day on Friday 14th May.

Eid Party

Should Eid-ul-Fitr occur on Wednesday 12th May, then their Eid party at school will be on Thursday 13th May. If it falls on Thursday 13th May, their party will be on Monday 17th May.

Vocabulary

Every day, Year 2 have the opportunity to expand their vocabulary by taking part in 'Word of the Day'. Below are the words they will be looking at this half term. Help your child to use these words and to check they understand what they mean.

Week 2	feeble	drowsily	disturb	glisten
Week 3	fleet	promptly	memorable	assume
Week 4	foe	tirelessly	sweltering	restrict
Week 5	halt	examine	wholeheartedly	astounded
Week 6	hollow	guzzle	wound	invigorating

