



## Old Palace Year 2 Newsletter Spring 1

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### Maths

Please see below the maths topics this half term:

- 1. Multiplication** – Children will begin the unit by looking at making equal groups, adding equal groups and then linking this to multiplication. Children will look at making multiplication sentences and using arrays to show these. The children will be looking at the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.
- 2. Division** - Children will begin by again looking at making equal groups and then move on to looking at sharing and grouping equally for division. They will be looking at dividing by 2, 5 and 10 and using a bar model to do so. Children will also practise odd and even numbers.

**Useful Links:** <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/multiplication-and-division>

### English

Please see below the order of topics the children will be focusing on this half term:

- 1. Stories from a range of Cultures** – Children will begin the unit by reading and exploring the story 'Mama Panya's Pancakes', they will also have the chance to listen to and explore stories from other cultures during their story time. They will then get the chance to write their own story.
- 2. Information Texts** – During this unit, children will get the chance to use the information they have been learning about Kenya in their geography lessons to write their own information texts using to correct features, like a heading, subheadings, and facts.

### Other Subjects

**Art-** African Masks

**Music-** Exploring instruments and symbols

**Computing-** Scratch Junior

**Geography** – Comparing the physical and human geography of Kenya with the UK

**RE-** Who is a Muslim and what do they believe?

**PE-** Hit, Catch, Run and Gymnastics

**PSHE-** Dreams and Goals

**DT** – Food Technology

### Key dates

**School Photo Day** – Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024

**Internet Safety Day** – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### Trips

This half term year 2 will be visiting the Horniman Museum to take part in the 'Around Africa' workshop. Where they will be learning more about life in different parts of Africa. They will also have a chance to explore the galleries!

**Date:** 2B: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024  
2H: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Cost of the trip: £3**



### PE

The children need to bring in their PE bag each day when they have PE. Year 2 have PE on a **Monday and Wednesday afternoon** please ensure they have the appropriate kit and footwear. Children will need to have trainers to take part in PE.

### Vocabulary

Word of the day: here are the new vocabulary words we will be introducing to the children this half term. You may wish to practice these words at home!

Week 1	course	trinket	peer	monarch
Week 2	complex	siblings	bloom	cellar
Week 3	convert	detour	drift	pristine
Week 4	convince	aloof	whimper	spectacular
Week 5	cunning	luxurious	wander	ghastly

### Winter Weather

As the weather is still quite cold, we ask that children please be sent in wearing warm jackets, hats and gloves, as they will need these for break times. Please also make sure that PE kits include long jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt or hoodie for children to wear during their outdoor PE sessions.

### School Photographer

It is that time of year again, to take our annual school photos! The school photographer will be coming into school this term to take individual, class and sibling photos. School photos will be taking place on **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January**.

### Bringing things in from home

Parents/Carers this is a polite reminder that children should not be bringing in anything additional from home, such as toys, activities and accessories. It can cause problems, particularly in the playground or be upsetting if a child loses their item. If a child is seen with anything that shouldn't be in school and/or is causing a distraction, it will be taken off them and given to the parent/carer at the end of the day.



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