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Year 2

Parent Meeting

13.9.19

Introductions

Year 2 Staff

Ms Allen Class teacher Year group Lead.	**Miss Tomlin Teaching Assistant**	**Miss Velma Miss Lisa Individual support assistant**	**Mrs Simmons Intervention teacher**
Mrs Thurlow Class teacher	Mrs Williams Teaching Assistant		Mrs Simmons Intervention teacher
Mrs Ellis Class teacher	Mrs Pinto Teaching Assistant	Miss Shani Miss Kenechi Individual support assistants	Mrs Simmons Intervention teacher

Aims of the Meeting

- To create a partnership between the school and families to support the children's learning.
- To introduce the topics for the year.
- To explain our positive behaviour management approach.
- To give you an idea of how you can support your child at home.

Topics

- In Year 2 our topics this year are:

Autumn: **Walk the plank**

Spring: **South African Safari**

Summer: **Planes, trains and automobiles**

Each topic will have a Launch Day to excite and inspire the children. These topics will be taught using a cross curricular approach.

Topic Puzzles

This year we will be using topic puzzles to plan from each term. They will list all the objectives that will be covered each term. These will ensure that links are made across all subjects where possible and will form the basis of our weekly plans.

These are available on the school's new website.

www.cooperslane.lewisham.sch.uk

Trips

Our first trip of the year will be to the Maritime Museum

The children will discover epic stories of exploration and endeavour that have shaped our world today.

This will take place on Friday 8th November.

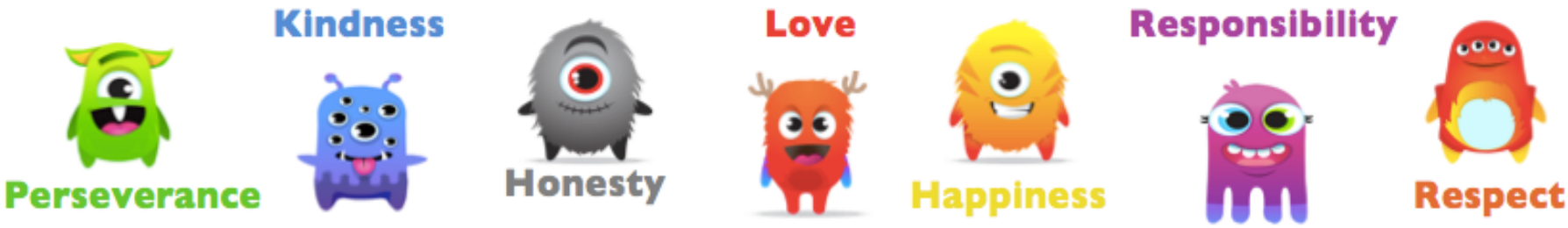
A letter will follow shortly.

Dojos

We are continuing our values based behaviour management system across the school.

Dojos

Each value has been assigned a 'dojo monster' as below:



- Children will each have their own 'dojo monster' that will be displayed in class.
- A 'dojo point' will be awarded when a child clearly demonstrates one of the values.
- A child is given a 'Dojo Dollar' every time they make it to a multiple of 10 points in a given week.
- Once awarded, Dojo Dollars are stored in a class jar and are used to buy whole class rewards from a shopping list.

Dojos

- The individual totals are cleared at the end of each week
- Midday Meals staff will give out dojo dollars at lunch times.
- Two children will be given a 'VIP (Values in Practice) Award' in assembly on Friday for demonstrating the values and will be able to place their picture on display in the hall for that week.
- If a child **loses 5 dojo points** in a week then the class teacher must phone home.

The system will be consistent across the school and we would appreciate it if you would continue to reinforce these values at home so that the children are fully aware of how to show them on a daily basis.

Termly Newsletter

Our Year 2 Classroom Newsd

Autumn Term Information

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Welcome

Our Topic

Things to Remember

Important Dates

Uniform

All children must wear school uniform:

- A school sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo.
- A white polo/school shirt.
- Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress.
- Sensible black shoes/ankle boots or plain black trainers (no logos).

Please note: No leggings, tracksuit bottoms or jeans.

P.E. Kit – Team colour t-shirt, appropriate shorts/bottoms and trainers.

Parent Open Mornings

- We would like to increase the number of opportunities for our parents to spend time in school.
- Every fortnight we are giving you the opportunity to come into class for the first 20 minutes of the day, if you are able to join us we will be looking at Rights Respecting activities.
- *The day for Y2 will be a Friday and the dates for the Autumn term are:*

27th September, 11th October, 1st November, 15th November, 29th November & 13th December

Rights Respecting Gold Award

This year we are hoping to be awarded the Gold Award for Rights Respecting therefore we are continuing to:

- Have a Right of the Month which will be published in the school newsletter.
- Have a Year Group Right which will be celebrated through trips/visits and charity events.
- Explore rights through our curriculum and assemblies.

You can find a link to the UN Convention for the Rights of a Child on the school website and it would be great if you could spend some time looking into the rights together.

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS
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GOLD – RIGHTS RESPECTING

Maths

- We are continuing to engage by using the online tool for Maths called Sumdog.
- It works on all devices so can be used in school and at home.
- It uses games as a way to practice skills.
- All the games are automatically tailored to the individual child's needs.
- The children can play live Maths challenges against other pupils across the country or take part in whole school challenges.

Spellings

- We will be sending home spellings every two weeks starting 20th September.
- These will be the Year 2 spellings which can be found on the school website.
- They will be directly linked to the work completed in class.
- The children will be encouraged to use the spellings in their work daily but will also have a spelling test every other Friday.
- We will also include word games during phonic sessions to reinforce the spelling patterns.

Helping at Home

- Please encourage your children to read for at least 15 minutes everyday and also read to them when possible.
- Listen to them read and ask them questions about the story e.g. why do you think he did that?
- Make sure they are ready for school and on time every day.
- Please arrange to see us at the end of the day should you wish to discuss things further.
- Help them to complete their home learning and hand it in on time.

Reading Homework

Your child will be given the opportunity to change their reading book three times a week on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays.

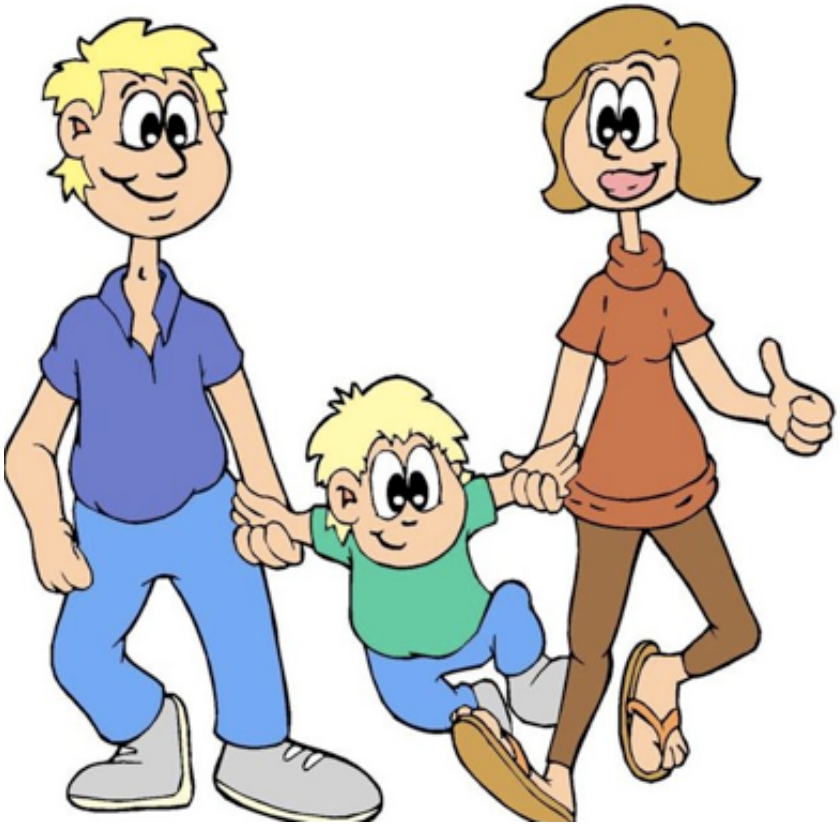
Routines and Expectations

- Learning starts at 8:45am – please make sure your child is on time.
- Book bags need to be in school everyday.
- P.E. kits can stay in school all week.
- Please remember that the children are expected to dress themselves, including doing any shoe laces.

P.E. days Autumn Term 1

Embankment – Tuesday and Wednesday
St. Paul's – Tuesday and Wednesday
Westminster – Tuesday and Wednesday

Birthdays

- Please do not provide whole cakes to be cut up or open food for the class.
- Sweets and other snacks can be provided for the class when it is your child's birthday but only foods in individual packets.
- This enables us to check for allergies and the children can easily take them home.
- No nuts!

Any Questions?