



John Scurr Primary School

Meet the Teachers

Year 2

Autumn 2024

Year 2 classes:

Attenborough Class:

Teachers: Iqra Aziz



Kanneh-Mason Class:

Teacher: Ruby Muir



Support staff across the team:

Forida Akhtar, Deepa Patel and Satnam Sokhal

Attendance & Punctuality

Main gates open at 8:45.

The bell will ring at 8:55 am.

- Our soft start begins at **8:50am**, so that the school day can swiftly begin at **8:55am** when the bell rings.
- Once they are used to it, children will come upstairs on their own.
- School finishes at 3:15pm. Please be on time to collect your children.

We hold high expectations of all of our students and expect them to attend school on time, every single day. Missing a single session has a negative impact on their learning and progress and we encourage you to mirror the same expectations at home. Please encourage your children to attend and refrain from keeping them at home unless absolutely necessary.

Looking at it closely



1 academic year at 90% attendance =
almost 4 whole weeks of lessons missed.

Sept ----- July



up to 4 weeks absence

How much odd absences add up and affect your child's progress at school

Attendance during one school year	Equals days absent	Which is approximately weeks absent	Which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons

Reading



In year 2, children are expected to bring their book bags into school every day. This is to ensure they can read their books at school and change them when necessary. We are also introducing accelerated reader which is an online reading assessment tool which helps us to monitor and track their progress. They are also continuing their phonics learning this year.

You can support their reading by encouraging them to read every day for around 20 minutes. Once they finish reading a book, it is important they complete a quiz on it using AR. Please allow access to a device to do this when required.

When reading at home, please encourage children to segment and blend when they are reading new/tricky words as they have learnt in phonics.

Online Learning Platforms

In addition to AR, your children will have access to other online learning platforms such as Times Table Rockstars, Numbots and Freckle.

Once we have set them all up on the platforms, we will send home the logins.

Please allow children time to practise accessing and using these platforms at home.

We will continue to communicate with you via school ping. If you do not already have it set up, please speak to the office.



Renaissance
Freckle

As **geographers** we will learn about human and physical features. The children will do this by exploring our local area and identifying the different features we can find.



As **readers** we will be focusing on:

- Grandad's Island by Benji Davies
- The Goose That Laid The Golden Eggs from Aesop's Fables

We will be focusing on our reading skills of predicting, retrieving, summarising, inferring and sequencing.



As **writers** we will be focusing on:

- Character descriptions
- Retelling a narrative

We are also developing important writing skills such as vocabulary and grammar, and continuing to work on our phonics.

You can help us at home by encouraging us to write a diary or creative stories. We always love seeing this amazing work in school!

In **Computing**, our focus is internet safety.

As **historians**, we are learning about the Great Fire of London.



In **RE**, we are learning about how different religions view compassion.

For **PE**, we are doing gymnastics and fitness. We are improving our strength, stamina, flexibility, and balance.

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS 2024/25 Year 2 Autumn Term 1

Welcome to year 2! We are already having lots of fun and doing lots of learning. You can help your child make the most of their learning by:

- Helping your child to remember their book-bag and water bottle every day.
- Ensuring your child reads for 20 mins every day Helping your child to remember to wear their PE kits on a Thursday.

Please also confirm that your schoolPING is working - you should already have received some communications. For any issues with this, please ask at the office for assistance.

Weekend homework currently consists of:

- Reading an AR book and taking a quiz at home
- Doing weekly Maths tasks set on platform Freckle.

As **mathematicians** we are learning about place value using numbers to 100.

As **scientists** we will be finding out about **living things and their habitats**.



As **artists** we will be learning drawing techniques. ☐

As **designers**, we will be learning about textiles and sewing.

Uniform

We encourage our children to come to school looking smart and ready for good learning.

- Trousers: dark grey
- Skirt/Pinafore dress: dark grey
- Summer dress (check pattern): Blue and white check
- tights: white, dark grey
- Cotton shirt/polo shirt: plain white or pale blue
- Sweatshirt/jumper/cardigan: John Scurr Blue
- Head scarves should be plain white or John Scurr blue and is a short 'pull on' scarf.



PE

This year, Year 2 have PE lessons on a Thursday. PE lessons consist of structured teaching in a variety of indoor and outdoor activities. To ensure full access and high performance in PE, your children need to come to school wearing their PE kits on a Thursday.

- Plain shorts / leggings / tracksuit bottoms with school badge: (dark blue or John Scurr blue)
- Plain long or short sleeved T-shirt (white or pale blue). Additional sweatshirt (blue)
- They will also need trainers or plimsolls.



Online Safety

It is extremely important that your child's online activity is closely monitored and necessary restrictions are applied. This is to ensure their safety online and prevention of access to unsuitable material.

Please ensure you are not allowing your child to play games that are not age appropriate and that older siblings are also supporting you to maintain this.

If you need support in setting up parental controls on your devices, please seek support from us by emailing admin@johnscurr.towerhamlets.sch.uk

Medical Tracker

Than administration of medication, illnesses and injuries will continue to be communicated to you via email. Please do not panic if you receive one - if it is serious, we will contact you immediately like we already do!

If there have been any important changes to your child's medication please inform the office as soon as possible.

If your child has not had an eye test in the last year, please book a free eye test at Specsavers as soon as possible.

Clubs

All after school clubs will start next week on **Thursday**. Please sign your child up to a club as they offer huge enrichment opportunities.

We will be sharing this term's clubs soon. You can sign up through the office.

Readiness will start next week on **Wednesday**. This is by invitation only and will offer support to children in key focus areas.

And...

Children need **water bottles** to be cleaned and refilled every day to ensure they remain hydrated throughout the day.

Shoes/Trainers

Children should wear shoes that allow them to run safely around the playground e.g. black trainers or black school shoes.

Please don't let your child wear wellington boots, they offer limited support for growing feet and make running and climbing difficult.

Keychains

Please ensure children are not bringing toys and jewelry into school (even as key rings). These things can get broken and we want precious things to stay safe at home.



Any questions?

