



Year 2 newsletter

Welcome to Year 2! If you are returning to us from last year we are happy to see you and if you are new to us then welcome to Gallions! Our topic for this half term is 'Life!'. We will be learning about all forms of life in the environment around us, particularly plants and animals.

Music at Gallions

All children have the fantastic opportunity of learning a string instrument every Friday and musicianship (the knowledge, skill and artistic sensitivity in performing music) each week.

P.E

Will be held on Mondays (outdoors) and Fridays (indoors). Please make sure children's P.E kits are clearly **labeled**. Children may also like to add jogging bottoms to their P.E kits in the cold winter months. P.E kits should be kept in school for the **whole half term** and then taken home for washing during the holidays.

Literacy

We shall be reading some exciting books this half term which will help children develop their writing, spelling and reading skills. These will be The Bear Under the Stairs, Tadpole's Promise, Jim and the Beanstalk and The Journey Home. Within these texts we shall be focusing on writing for different purposes, whilst building new vocabulary through speaking and listening activities.

Trips

We shall be visiting the Horniman Museum on 16th October 2018 -details to follow.

READING IS FUN! Don't forget to read with your child daily and read to them. Make it a special, cosy time for you and your child. Reading books in your home language is just as important and helps them to develop their vocabulary.

Library

Children will be choosing a library book on Friday's. They are welcome to change these the following week - but only if they **return the last book taken out**.

Maths

We are following the mastery approach to teaching maths which involves using lots of mathematical language and use of practical resources. Children will need to learn their 2, 5, 10, 3 and 4 times tables (if they can learn more-that's great!) Children should also learn the corresponding division facts.

Birthdays

We are a healthy school so if you would like to celebrate you child's birthday with their classmates we ask that you please bring a **healthy treat** that can be easily handed out at the end of the day. **Adults in class won't be able to prepare any food or fruit.**

Clothes

Please make sure **all of your child's clothes** including coats **have their names written on them**. There are a lot of children moving around and it's difficult for us to keep track of every coat, scarf and jumper!