



Level Two Newsletter

Unit One

LEVEL TWO 2017

Welcome back! We hope you had a relaxing and restful holidays. We are excited to be back at school and we are in for a busy first term. The teachers for Level 2 this year are Mrs Rosenberg, Ms Harper, Ms Zeinstra and Mr Jamieson. We will continue to have Italian with Signora Vecchi, Dance with Elizabeth, Music with Mr Wooltoorton, Art will be taken by Mrs Le-Dan and P.E. will be with Mrs Carter. Library will continue to be taught by the classroom teachers. Please ensure your child brings along a bag for borrowing books during Library sessions.

Specialists Days

Art: Friday

Sport: Friday

Music: Friday

Italian: Friday

Garden: Friday (Year 2 only)

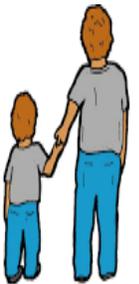
Dance: Wednesday (2B only on Tuesday)

Library: Wednesday (no bag, no borrowing!)



Inquiry

Our first Unit of Inquiry this year has the **Central Idea, 'Role models reflect the beliefs and values of individuals and societies'**. Throughout this Unit we will be covering; how and why role models are chosen, influences of role models on our choices and actions, the way role models are portrayed in the media and what determines our beliefs and values. We will also be focusing on our social skills and in particular, the attitudes, respect and integrity.



English



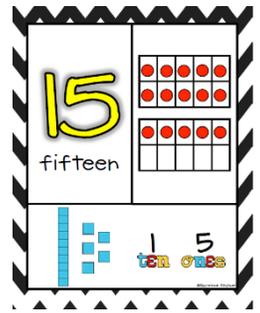
English sessions will include T.H.R.A.S.S. activities, Spelling and Grammar, Reading, Writing and Listening skills. Students will focus their writing on informative pieces, in particular presenting information about a variety of role models. **During Grammar lessons, attention will be paid to parts of speech, including common nouns, proper nouns, collective nouns, adverbs and adjectives.** In Reading sessions, we are focusing on establishing good fluency; expression, pace and comprehension, by using punctuation correctly.

Reading Eggs / Eggspress will continue to be used this year. Students will receive their login details shortly.

Maths

Throughout this Unit of Inquiry, the major focus will be on place value, skip counting and number. We will be extending the students by looking at the values of different digits up to 'tens of thousands'. We will also be linking data with the current Unit. We will explore how to collect, read and analyse data. Students will collect data on each individual's favourite role model, then organise it into categories and create displays using lists, tables or a simple column graph. They will also use a Venn diagram to compare the similarities and differences between a variety of role models listed.

Mathletics will soon be up and running with all students to be given their usernames and passwords. Mathletics will regularly feature in the homework.



Homework

Students should be reading their take-home reader and practising their spelling words **every night**. Weekly spelling tests will be held on a Thursday. In addition, students will be expected to complete set homework tasks on Mathletics each week. The homework task will be discussed with the students on a Friday and will be due back the following Thursday. Year 2 students will also be expected to complete an English task, such as an activity on Reading Eggs, which will also be due back each Thursday.

School Essential Agreement

To create consistency across the whole school, every class has agreed to the same Essential Agreement. Furthermore, the Year 1 and 2 students thought of their own rules to add to the school's Essential Agreement during their 2016 Orientation Day. They decided on 'Listen to your friends' and 'Always tell the truth' as an additional part of the Essential Agreement for our Level:

- Listen to your teachers and follow directions
- Raise your hand before speaking or leaving your seat
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself
- Respect your classmates and your teacher
- Listen to your friends
- Always tell the truth

Key Dates:

Friday 10th February: Hockey Clinic (during PE lessons)

Monday 13th February: School Photos (ensure full school uniform is worn, including black leather shoes and hair tied back)

Wednesday 15th February: Level 2 Information Evening at 6:00pm

Thursday 23rd February: Italian Day

Monday 13th March: Labour Day

Tuesday 14th March: Curriculum Day (No School)

Wednesday 29th March: Family Life Sex Education Evening for Level 2 at 5:30pm

Friday 31st March: Last day of Term 1 (Students dismissed at 2:30pm)

