



John Scurr Primary School

Meet the Teachers

Year 2

Autumn 2023

Year 2 classes:

Attenborough Class:

Teachers: Caitlin Schofield



Kenneh-Mason Class:

Teacher: Ruby Muir



Support staff across the team:

Syrihah Khatun, Deepa Patel and Satnam Sokhal

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.



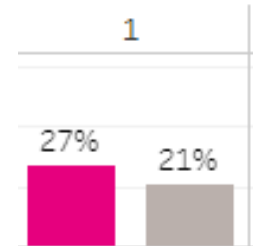
Attendance & Punctuality

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 3pm. 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.



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.

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. Please sign your child up to a club as they offer huge enrichment opportunities.

This term Year 2 can attend dance, lego and origami club on Wednesday and music, science and indoor games on Thursday.

You can sign up through the office.

Readiness will start next week. 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. We are able to refill them at school during the day but they need to be cleaned thoroughly at home every evening to maintain high levels of hygiene.

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.

Any questions?