

# Year 2 - Newsletter Autumn 2 2016

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Hello and welcome back to the new term, I hope you've had a great break! We have a busy half term planned learning about 1960s, and working towards our Christmas Production. If you have any concerns at all please feel free to come and see me, **or if you would like to volunteer to help out, we are always looking for helpers!** ☺

We have lots of ways to communicate with teachers at Bradley Green, you can pop in and see me, you can email me at [mrstone@bradleygreen.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:mrstone@bradleygreen.tameside.sch.uk) or you can send me an "Instant message" using clasdojo.

## **Main Topics:**

### **"What is exciting about the 1960s?"**

This is a very exciting topic, and we have lots of fun practical learning experiences planned. The children will be finding out about the fashion, art, sports (world cup) and music of the 1960s, as well as researching the space the race! They will create pop-art, make Tie-Dye T-Shirts, learn songs, virtual reality experience and much more!

In Maths they will be continuing to practice basic number skills as well as developing their understanding and application.

In English we will be starting with a non-fiction topic, learning features of non-chronological report writing, and writing our own non-chronological report.

## **Useful websites:**

Please have a look at these websites with your children.

**Sumdog** is a fantastic games site that helps children learn mental strategies, and speeds up mental calculation skills. **This has been shown to have a real impact in the classroom.** The children will all have Sumdog codes in the front cover of their reading journals.

**Clasdojo** is part of our in school behavior management system. It will email you weekly to tell you about your child's behavior and where they have earned the most points (working hard, listening carefully, being kind to others etc...). Accessing it at home will also allow your child to change their Avatars. On occasion we may need to hand out negative dojo's, these can be for incorrect uniform/PE Kit, no homework or bad behavior. Obviously, we like to focus on the positives and the vast majority of Dojos are handed out for good behavior and being well prepared.

**MATHS** – You can access [www.sumdog.com](http://www.sumdog.com) for fun ways to help. We will be developing our understanding of numbers to 100 and place value this term

**ENGLISH** – This will be taught each morning, where the children will have a guided reading session, phonics session and English lesson.

**PE** – PE is on Monday and Tuesday. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school; plain white round neck T-Shirt, black shorts with pumps. Also please remember no earrings and hair must be tied back on PE days.

An extra play can be earned if all children have their PE kit for both days!! ☺

**HOMEWORK** – Homework goes home on Tuesday and need to be back in school the following Monday. Homework will be based around developing basic skills in mathematics and English. Some homeworks may require internet use. If this will be a problem please let me know so I can organise alternative tasks.

**HOME READING BOOKS** – Reading books will be changed on Monday Wednesday and Fridays.

**If you have any questions big or small, please don't hesitate to come and see me! -Mr Stone**