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Reach For The Stars

Art and Design



Visit the Whitechapel Gallery, it's on your doorstep.

Open:

Mondays:	Closed
Tuesday	11 am–6 pm
Wednesday	11 am–6 pm
Thursday	11 am–9 pm
Friday	11 am–6 pm
Saturday	11 am–6 pm
Sunday	11 am–6 pm

Why not do some drawing this summer?

- **Draw something that scares you!**
- **Draw something you eat today!**
- **Draw something big on a tiny piece of paper!**
- **Draw your reflection in the back of a spoon!**
- **Empty your pockets or bag and draw everything inside!**
- **Draw your favourite song.**
- **Draw yourself 30 years from now.**

Please check the website for updates and book tickets for visits.

Developing Fine Motor Skills will help your child to develop their handwriting.

The building of fine motor skills in children will enable them to perform a variety of important functional tasks. These



include:

- ☐ tying shoes
- ☐ zipping and unzipping
- ☐ buckling and unbuckling
- ☐ writing legibly and without significant muscle fatigue
- ☐ playing games that require precise hand and finger control
- ☐ drawing, painting, and coloring
- ☐ manipulating buttons and snaps
- ☐ putting small objects together
- ☐ doing puzzles
- ☐ making crafts
- ☐ using scissors
- ☐ manipulating small objects such as coins
- ☐ opening and closing objects
- ☐ picking up and holding onto small objects
- ☐ developing and maintaining an effective and proper pencil grip
- ☐ pinching objects between fingers
- ☐ using locks and keys
- ☐ being able to isolate finger movements (i.e., using one finger at a time, such as in playing the piano or typing)
- ☐ turning things over or turning pages of a book
- ☐ holding and using utensils properly and effectively
- ☐ screwing and unscrewing
- ☐ doing ANYTHING that requires small precise hand and finger movements



SUMMER MATHS ADVENTURE

OUTDOOR MATHS FUN!

Year 1 → Year 2

Maths is all around us! Get outdoors, explore, observe and have fun with **numbers**, **shapes** and **measuring**.



1 NUMBER HUNT

Find 10 numbers outside. They could be on doors, number plates, buses, signs or bins!

Write them in the boxes below.



2 STEP MEASURE CHALLENGE

Use your steps to measure these distances. How many steps?

- Front door to gate = _____ steps
- Bench to tree = _____ steps
- End of garden to wall = _____ steps
- Around the tree = _____ steps



3 SHAPE DETECTIVE

Can you find these shapes outside? Draw or write where you found them.

 3 circles

 2 rectangles

 1 cylinder

 2 triangles



4 NATURE COUNT

Collect natural treasures and count how many of each you have found.



leaves



sticks



stones

Write total: _____



5 PATTERN MAKER

Use natural objects to make a repeating pattern. Draw your pattern below.



6 TIME CHALLENGE

Use a timer or ask a grown-up to help. How long can you...



- hop on one leg? _____ seconds
- skip? _____ seconds
- balance on a line or beam? _____ seconds

7 TALL, SHORT & LONG!

Find and write (or draw) the:



Tallest thing you can find



Shortest thing you can find

Longest stick you can find



Be curious, have fun and keep exploring the world around you!



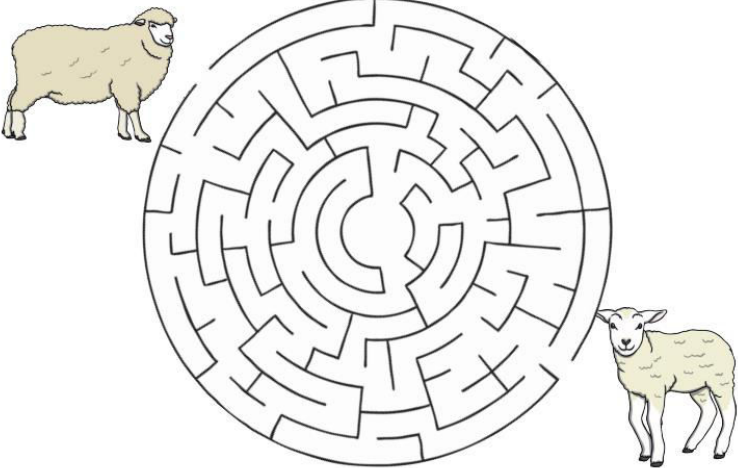
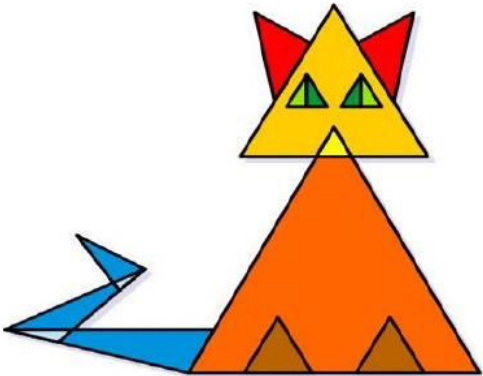
Maths is fun!



My Times Tables		
2 times table	5 times table	10 times table
0 x 2 = 0	0 x 5 = 0	0 x 10 = 0
1 x 2 = 2	1 x 5 = 5	1 x 10 = 10
2 x 2 = 4	2 x 5 = 10	2 x 10 = 20
3 x 2 = 6	3 x 5 = 15	3 x 10 = 30
4 x 2 = 8	4 x 5 = 20	4 x 10 = 40
5 x 2 = 10	5 x 5 = 25	5 x 10 = 50
6 x 2 = 12	6 x 5 = 30	6 x 10 = 60
7 x 2 = 14	7 x 5 = 35	7 x 10 = 70
8 x 2 = 16	8 x 5 = 40	8 x 10 = 80
9 x 2 = 18	9 x 5 = 45	9 x 10 = 90
10 x 2 = 20	10 x 5 = 50	10 x 10 = 100
11 x 2 = 22	11 x 5 = 55	11 x 10 = 110
12 x 2 = 24	12 x 5 = 60	12 x 10 = 120

4. How many different triangles can you count in this picture?

4. Can you help the sheep find her lamb?



In year 2 your child will learn about the Fire of London.

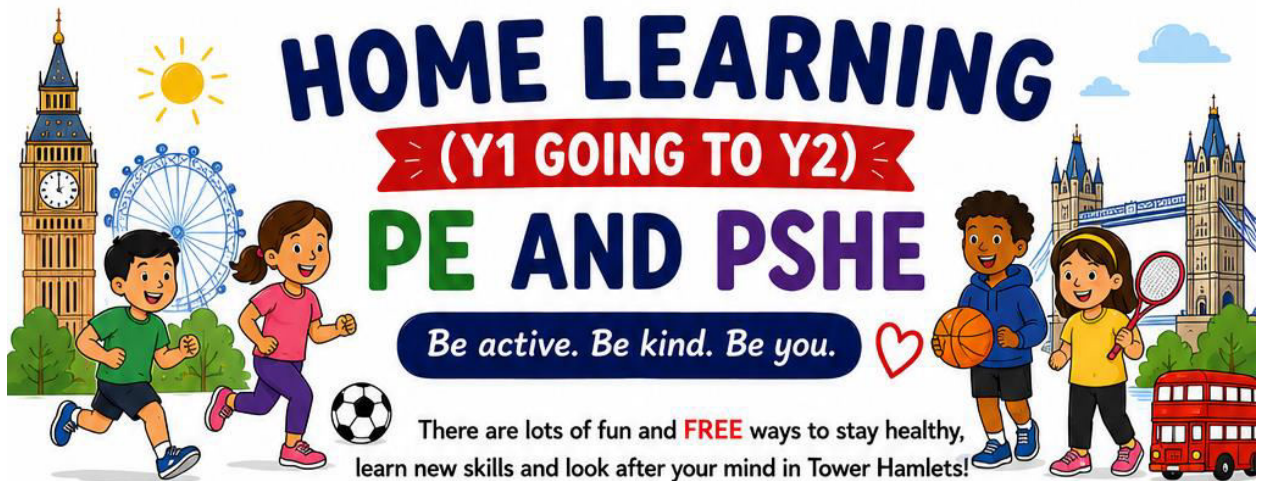
Why not visit the Monument in Central London.



You can also find out more at <http://www.themonument.info>

Can you find out who Samuel Pepys was?

Keep a diary of all the things you do on your holiday. You should include the things you saw, heard, tasted and smelt. Draw pictures to illustrate your diary.



GET ACTIVE – LEARN & PLAY!

- ★ Try a new sport 
- ★ Play football with friends
- ★ Go for a bike ride or scooter 
- ★ Have a dance and have fun! 

FUN VIDEOS TO TRY AT HOME!
Click the links below:

-  [The Body Coach](#)
-  [Just Dance Kids](#)
-  [GoNoodle](#)

LOOK AFTER YOUR MIND!

- ♥ Talk and listen to each other 
- ♥ Draw a picture about how you feel 
- 🎵 Dance or listen to happy music 
- ✳ Play a game or do a puzzle 
- 🧘 Take 5 deep breaths and relax 

COOK, EAT, GROW!

- ★ Help make a healthy meal or snack 
- ★ Eat lots of colourful fruits and vegetables 
- ★ Grow herbs or vegetables in a pot or at home 

 Cooking together helps you learn new skills and brings people closer!

STAY CLEAN, STAY HEALTHY!

- 💧 Wash your hands with soap for 20 seconds 
- 💧 Cover your coughs and sneezes 
- 💧 Drink plenty of water 
- 💧 Keep your space clean and tidy 

TEAMWORK & LIFE SKILLS!

- ★ Work together and help each other 
- ★ Be kind and share 
- ★ Take turns and listen 

GET OUTDOORS – EXPLORE TOWER HAMLETS!

- ♥ Visit a park and have a picnic 
- ★ Play in the park with friends 
- ★ Go on a nature walk and spot plants and animals 

REMEMBER...

-  Drink plenty of water
-  Get enough sleep
-  Look after your body and mind
-  Be kind, be respectful, be you!
-  Talk to a trusted adult if you need help or support



★ BE ACTIVE. BE STRONG. BE PROUD. BE TOWER HAMLETS! ★

For more information on activities and services for young people in Tower Hamlets:
towerhamlets.gov.uk | youngtowerhamlets.org.uk

**FREE
FOR YOUNG
PEOPLE!**



Phonics is one of the first steps in learning to read. It helps your child decode words by making sense of the sounds. It will really help your child if they continue to practice the phonics they have already learnt.

Phonics websites

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zgkw2hv>

A good selection of interactive videos focusing on learning sounds and blending to read the sounds in words.

<http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/english/englishA1.htm#phonics>

Under word level section of literacy, a good selection of worksheets and PowerPoints.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=saF3-f0XWAY>

A range of phonics songs to sing along with, to help you remember your sounds.

<https://www.phonicsbloom.com/>

A very good selection of online games focusing on helping teach children the relationship between letters and sounds.

<https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/literacy.html>

A great selection of games that link well with games in Letters and Sounds.

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/2>

A range of interactive phonics games.

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

Oxford Owl is packed with expert advice, top tips and activities to support children's phonics learning.

Hands-on Humanities

London is full of some of the best museums in the world – they can take us to far-flung places, transport us back through history and expose us to mind-blowing ideas. Many are FREE to visit and some have excellent workshops for children!

Challenge: can you visit a **different museum each week**?

Some museum suggestions and their nearest tube stations:

- Tower of London- Tower Hill (ONLY £1 for Tower Hamlets residents but you must take proof of name and address AND your Idea Store card OR Tower Hamlets Leisure Services card)
- Museum of London - Moorgate
- Victoria & Albert Museum – South Kensington
- Museum of Childhood – Bethnal Green
- Geffrye Museum – Hoxton
- Museum of London Docklands – West India Quay (DLR)
- British Museum – Russell Square
- National Maritime Museum – Greenwich (Main line) or Cutty Sark DLR

Local walks

Be a London Explorer! Try getting out and about by going for walks in your local area – you'll be amazed what you could discover! While you're out, see if you can complete these challenges:

- Sketch some of your favourite buildings
- make a list of what there is to do in the park for local people
- How many different fruits can you find in the market? Where are they from in the world?
- Can you find any buildings with blue plaques (circle tiles) on the walls? What do they say? Normally they are about famous people...
- Walk down a main street and make a list of all the different types of shops

Safety reminder: always ask people at home before going on a local walk, remember to cross roads safely and don't talk to strangers.

Year group challenge: Year 2

In Year you will be learning about the Great Fire of London. If you had to leave your house quickly, what would you save? Draw a picture of the things that are most important to you in your home.

Year 2



Science in the Summer

Why is the sky blue? How do butterflies fly? Why do we have teeth? These are tough questions but all you need to answer them is natural curiosity and a love of Science.

Here are some tips to help guide you in sparking your interest in science:

- Visit the Science and Natural History Museum to see all the lovely galleries and exhibitions. I especially like the WonderLab (in the Science museum) as it's got some fantastic, fun activities. Please note that you will have to buy a day pass for this interactive gallery. And although entry to the Science Museum is **free**, **pre-booking is required**. **So you must book a free Museum Admission ticket in order to enter the museum.** [Science Museum](#)

- Entry to the Natural History museum is also free but you **must pre-book your free ticket** in advance.. Please ensure that you check the websites for up to date information. [Natural History Museum](#)

- Why not visit the idea store and read up on your favourite science topics such as: Dinosaurs, Space, The World's fastest Animals and different types of vehicles! You can also find some amazing books on investigations, but please remember to be **careful** and always get an adult **to help and supervise you**, for any tricky bits.



Have you played the exciting, fun science games on the BBC Bitesize science website? [KS1 - England - BBC Bitesize](#) and Catch the Science Bug - [Catch the Science Bug](#). They have lots of fun games, quizzes and activities for you to try out.

Science challenge

Look around your home and find objects that can make a Sound. Design a musical instrument. Make a list of the materials you will need.

Top tip - try and use different materials and objects. Investigate how and why sounds are made. How can you make the sound louder or quieter?



Activity ideas:

Match the religious symbols to the correct religion:

Christianity	Islam		
Judaism	Buddhism		
Hinduism	Sikhism		

Date _____



Year 1 (Going into Year 2)

Literacy learning in the summer

Are you looking forward to the summer holidays? We are too! It's a wonderful time to have lots of fun and learn in different ways. Here are some tips and ideas for how to keep your learning going over the summer while you're away from school.

1. Go to the Ideas Store:

There are lots of activities going on at the Idea Store for you to get involved in. Find out more at: www.ideastore.co.uk/whats-on

2. Summer Reading Challenge

Helping your child develop a love of reading is one of the most important things you can do. Join the summer reading challenge run by the Idea Store in Whitechapel.

3. Book Review

Why not write a book review of the books you read during the holiday? Remember to include:

The author and illustrator.

Is the book fiction or non-fiction?

What is the book about?

Who would enjoy this book?

Did you enjoy the book? Tell me why or why not?

Draw a picture of the front cover.



My Summer Diary

Date[illegible]



YEAR 2 READING LIST

Books to Enjoy and Grow With

These books are perfect for Year 2 readers. They build confidence, spark imagination and help develop key reading and writing skills.

Reading today,
writing tomorrow!

15 RECOMMENDED BOOKS

1 The Magic Finger



Roald Dahl

A girl with a magical finger teaches some hunters a lesson they'll never forget!

Supports writing:
Retelling, persuasion, character description

2 The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch

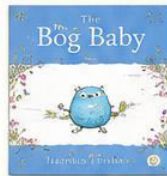


Ronda & David Armitage

Mr Grinling's lunch keeps disappearing! A funny story with a clever solution.

Supports writing:
Story sequencing, problem solving, instructions

3 The Bog Baby

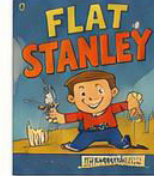


Jeanne Willis

A little creature needs help to return home in this heartwarming story.

Supports writing:
Character description, setting description, empathy

4 Flat Stanley

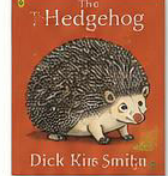


Jeff Brown

Stanley gets flattened and has all sorts of exciting adventures!

Supports writing:
Letter writing, diaries, adventure stories

5 The Hedgehog



Dick King-Smith

A kind hedgehog helps a family and finds a home at last.

Supports writing:
Character description, narrative, kindness stories

6 The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark

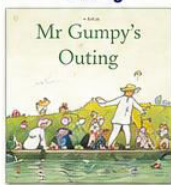


Jill Tomlinson

Plop, the baby owl, overcomes his fears in a gentle night-time tale.

Supports writing:
Setting description, feelings, overcoming fears

7 Mr Gumpy's Outing

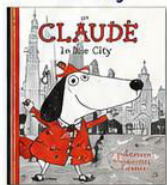


John Burningham

Mr Gumpy takes lots of animals on an outing – what could go wrong?

Supports writing:
Story sequencing, retelling, cause and effect

8 Claude in the City



Alex T. Smith

Claude the dog has a fabulous day out in the city in this funny story.

Supports writing:
Lists, postcards, diaries, descriptive sentences

9 The Dragon Machine



Helen Ward

George builds a machine that brings a dragon to life!

Supports writing:
Instructions, inventions, adventure stories

10 Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs



Giles Andreae

A pirate captain and his crew discover dinosaurs on a desert island.

Supports writing:
Adventure stories, character description, dialogue

11 The Princess and the Pea



Hans Christian Andersen

A classic fairy tale about a very sensitive princess.

Supports writing:
Retelling, story openings, describing characters

12 Winnie-the-Pooh

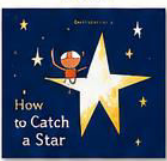


A. A. Milne

Join Pooh and his friends for gentle adventures in the Hundred Acre Wood.

Supports writing:
Character description, diaries, postcards

13 How to Catch a Star

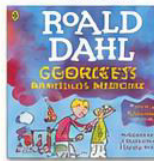


Oliver Jeffers

A boy sets off on a mission to catch a star in this magical story.

Supports writing:
Instructions, imaginative stories, wish letters

14 George's Marvelous Medicine



Roald Dahl

George mixes up a medicine that causes hilarious chaos!

Supports writing:
Instructions, explanation texts, humour writing

15 Stuck



Oliver Jeffers

A boy gets his kite stuck in a tree in this clever and funny story.

Supports writing:
Problem solving, advice writing, story endings



A MESSAGE FOR PARENTS

- Reading every day, even for a few minutes, makes a huge difference.
- Talk about the books – ask questions, share ideas and make reading a special time together.
- Let your child choose books they enjoy – it builds confidence and motivation.
- These books support your child to develop vocabulary, understand different text types and build the skills they need to become confident readers and writers.

WHY READING MATTERS



Builds vocabulary



Improves writing



Sparks imagination



Improves understanding



Builds confidence

TYPES OF WRITING THESE BOOKS SUPPORT

- ★ Story writing
- ★ Character description
- ★ Setting description
- ★ Instructions
- ★ Letter writing
- ★ Diaries and journals
- ★ Information texts
- ★ Persuasion
- ★ Poetry
- ★ Dialogue



★ ★ GREAT READERS BECOME GREAT WRITERS! ★ ★

Summer Homework
Year 1 to Year 2