

General Class Information

Year 2 have had a brilliant, busy first term. They have all settled into life in Year 2 and beginning to show their maturity in different situations. We're looking forward to what the next term brings.

Mrs Lovatt will continue to support the class every morning from Monday to Thursday. She will also lead on a Monday and Tuesday afternoon to allow myself to carry out my management responsibilities. Mrs Niewiadomski will be working with the Year 2 children every afternoon (45 minutes) to assist with interventions.

Reading diaries

Please ensure that your child is heard reading at least **three times a week**. This needs to be recorded in their reading diaries.

If your child reads 3 or more times a week (Monday-Monday) then they will be entered into our weekly 'In it to win it' draw. This incentive continues to work effectively with at least 75% of the children reading more than 3 times a week. Keep up the super reading attitude Year 2. You should all be very proud of yourselves for your reading achievements.

Spellings

For this half term, spellings will be given during spellings lessons on a Thursday. They will bring these home to practise. The spelling booklets do not have to be returned to school. The children will complete dictation sentences containing the learnt spelling words on the following Thursday.

PE

PE lessons for Year 2 will take place every Monday and Tuesday. PE lessons on a Monday will be led by Mrs Lovatt (football) and Miss Georgina will be leading the dance PE lesson every Tuesday. Please ensure that your child has got their PE kit in school on these allocated PE days. PE kit consists of the following: plain white t-shirt (no motif), blue shorts/tracksuit trousers and trainers. **PE hoodies should only be worn during PE lessons.**

Homework

All of the children have a blue Maths book and a red vocabulary book.

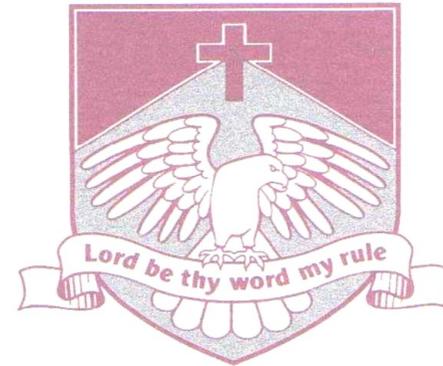
Maths—each day your child will have 4 number sentences (sometimes more by request of the children!) to find the answer to. These need to be completed at home and returned to school every day. Please encourage your child to work out the answers independently.

Vocabulary—Your child will be given 5 words on a Friday. Please discuss the meaning of these words with your child and help them to write the word into a sentence. The aim is to complete 1 sentence per night at home (Monday-Friday). The children in Year 2 will also receive a piece of weekly homework every Thursday. This will be based on something that the children have been learning in class that week. Please return this piece of completed homework to school by Wednesday. The children will be asked to complete their homework during break time if it is not completed at home.

At St John the Evangelist we have an open door policy and if you would ever like to see me then please make an appointment with the school office or contact me on the email below:

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Once Upon a Time....



Year 2
Spring Term
2022

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back! We hope that you've had a lovely Christmas and have had a well deserved rest. Below is a brief outline of what we will be learning in each subject during the first part of our Spring Term.

Religious Education

In RE this half term the children will start by looking at the unit of 'Christmas.' This unit will help the children reflect upon the journeys associated with the Christmas story and what these journeys eventually tell us about Jesus' birth and the way people respond to his birth. The children will be sequencing the story of Christmas from the annunciation to the flight into Egypt, they will be tracing the journey of Mary and Joseph on a map and show some understanding of the difficulties faced by Mary and Joseph and why their journeys to Bethlehem and Egypt were necessary. We will then look at the unit, 'Parables and Miracles.' The children will learn about a range of parables and miracles and understand Jesus' qualities as a healer and teacher. They will learn that the Church carries on Jesus' work of healing through the Sacrament of the Sick. The children will also be learning how to lead a class liturgy.

Literacy

Our focus text for this half term is 'The 3 wolves and the big bad pig.' We will also be looking at the text, 'The Last Wolf.' We will be having daily whole class reading sessions where we will study our class texts as mentioned above. Our whole class reading sessions will begin our English lesson on a daily basis.

In our SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) sessions we will continue to look at verbs, commas, suffixes, conjunctions, word order, capital letters, full stops and past and present tense. We will also be looking at apostrophes (for possession), expanded noun phrases, inverted commas (speech marks), similes/metaphors, adverbs and expanding sentences. We will be looking at different story language ready to write our own stories.

Writing tasks this half term will include character descriptions, story settings, thought bubbles, using conjunctions and story writing.

PSHE

Our topic this half term is 'Healthy Me.' The children will be learning how to keep their bodies healthy, what it means to relax, how medicines work and the safety of medicines, sorting foods into food groups and looking at different healthy snacks.

D&T

Our topic this half term is 'Puppets.' The children will be exploring different fabrics, explaining why they've chosen specific fabrics for something, the best way to join fabrics, designing their own 'puppet' and the topic will end with the children making their own hand puppet.

Maths

In maths we will begin by looking at multiplication and division. We will be looking at our 2, 5 and 10 times tables and related facts. The children will be learning about division being the inverse of multiplication and how to solve problems using materials, arrays, repeated addition and mental methods. We will be recapping on place value and the properties of numbers (odd/even) and learning to identify, represent and estimate numbers on a number line.

We will also be looking at money—value of coins, adding coins and giving change.

Science

This half-term our Science topic is 'Plants.' We will be learning names of common trees and flowers and talking about the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees. We will be looking at the structure of plants and trees and using different media to represent this. Hopefully we will be able to go on a local walk to look at the trees and plants in our local environment. The children will be planting different seeds/bulbs and carrying out experiments by placing these in different surrounding/environments. The children will monitor their progress closely on a daily basis. We will be looking at the life cycle of plants, different plant habitats and edible plants.

P.E

This half-term, Year 2 will be having 2 sessions of PE per week. With Mrs Lovatt on a Monday they will focusing on 'football.'

They will also be having a dance session on a Tuesday morning with Miss Georgina.

Please ensure children have their PE kit in school every day.

Geography

Our topic this half term is 'The world around us.'

Music

Music will be taught this half term every Thursday morning by our music specialist Mrs Amison.

Computing

Our computing topic for this half term is 'Computer Art.'