

YEAR 2 SPRING 2

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2018

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"Happy together in God's family,
we love, grow and learn."

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school after our half term break.

This will be another busy half term getting off to a great start with our Skipping Festival and World Book Day. Next Thursday children are asked to come dressed as a character from a book of their choice knowing a few facts about them.

There are lots of other fun activities planned, as we continue our topic on 'The Great Fire of London' and prepare to set alight our model. We will then move on to our new topic learning all about Climate Zones. In English, to support our extended writing we will be making a theatre trip to see George's Marvellous Medicine.

As we are now in the season of Lent, you will be updated to the various fundraising Lenten activities that will take place over this half term. Year 2 will also be hosting an Easter workshop to which parents and carers are warmly welcome.

Mrs Ellis and Mrs Dobson– class teachers



Homework

Reading: Year 2 children are expected to read for 10 minutes per night. Books will now be changed every Monday where you child will receive 2/3 books which will be returned the following Monday. Please can you write the date and title of the book in their reading diaries as well as your usual comments. Please talk about the story together, discuss your favourite characters and events.

Spellings: Spellings will be sent out on Fridays. Please support your child in not only learning these but also using them in sentences. The test will be done on the following Friday in a spelling book that is kept in school.

Written Homework: Given on Fridays and returned on Mondays. This task should take 10 minutes and is completed on the sheet, in pencil and to a good standard so that it can stuck in the relevant subject book in school. There will be a balance of English, maths and topic work throughout the year.



Important Days

Monday:

Hand in homework.

Reading books changed.

Tuesday

PE kit required.

Wednesday

PE kit required.

Friday:

Reading books changed

Spelling test

Homework given.

Important Dates

- 1/3/18- World Book Day
- 7/3/18 – Good Shepherd Fundraising Appeal
- 8/3/18- Skipping Festival
- 13/3/18- Maths parent workshop
- 14/3/18 Class photos
- 15/3/18- Theatre visit
- 19/3/18 Travelling Book Fair
- 20/3/18 and 22/3/18 Parent Consultation Evenings
- 26/3/18 Whole school mass
- 29/3/18 Finish for Easter
- 28/3/18 Easter crafts in class with parents

English

This half term the children will be:

- Reading and writing explanation texts
- Writing from personal experience
- Writing exclamations as a sentence form.
- Developing comprehension skills when reading to retrieve and locate information.
- Applying spelling patterns using a variety of suffixes eg. 'ly' 'ful' 'ment' 'ness'.

PE

Year 2 will have two PE lessons every week. For the first term, one of the sessions is gymnastics on a Tuesday with Mrs Ellis. The second session we will be on a Wednesday with Mr Sherriff and will be tennis.

Topic

In Geography we are looking at Climate Zones around the world. We will:

- Look at seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK.
- locating hot and cold regions of the world in relation to the Equator and North and South Poles.
- Name the continents and oceans.

RE

Our focus for RE this half term is 'The Mass'. The children will:

- Know and reflect on the importance of the celebration of the Mass.
- Know about the readings at Mass and why we should listen to them.
- Know that at the Offertory we offer gifts to God.
- Know and appreciate that at the Consecration the bread and wine are changed into the body and blood of Christ.

The Year 2 Curriculum



Half-Term 4



Computing

In this computing unit we will research, design and build our own vehicles, we will then produce an advert to showcase our creations. Pupils will:

- Use search engines appropriately.
- Use a computer to make a simple animation.
- Use digital and film making software.

Music

Our focus this half term is going to be 'Rock Music' completing a unit called 'I Wanna Play in A Band'.

Mathematics

In Maths we will be focussing on:

- Recognise and describe 2D & 3D shape
- Telling the time to the hour in 5-minute intervals.
- Reading scales in practical situations for measurement, weight and capacity.
- Securing 2's 5's and 10 times tables with inverse.
- Begin counting in multiples of 3's & 4's.

Science

In Science we will be learning about animals including humans. We will:

- Find out about the basic needs of animals and humans for survival.
- Look at animal and human life cycles.
- Describe the importance of staying healthy through food, exercise and hygiene.

Art/DT

Our focus this half term is going to be:

- Planning, designing and making chocolate sculptures.
- Planning, designing and making vehicles.