



Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term

Our Lady & St. Joseph Primary School



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas. Year 2 have had a wonderful first term! Everyone has worked very hard. We have a busy term ahead with lots more learning to be done. I am looking forward to the continued focus and effort from all the Year 2 children across the curriculum.

English: We will be focusing on writing for different purposes in fiction, non-fiction and using a range of punctuation. We will start by using the traditional tale 'Little Red Riding Hood'. We will also explore writing instructions, recounts and humorous poetry. Phonics and guided reading sessions will also occur daily. Spellings will be linked to the Year 2 Spelling Curriculum, weekly phonics focuses and also, from a specific focus in our English lessons. **Please read with your child regularly and support them with their spelling, practising spelling rules and phonics covered in class.**

Maths: We will focus on ensuring key skills are embedded to continue the year well. We will continue to secure our knowledge of number and place value, addition and subtraction. We will also be using real life situations to help children become more confident with multiplication, division, time, money and fractions. Children will continue to have weekly mental Maths test, every Friday. **Please support your child with their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. Children should be able to recite them as well as answer them out of order.**

Religious Education: We are covering the 'Local Church - Community', the 'Eucharist' relating to 'Lent and Giving, preparing to celebrate Easter'. The other faith we will learn about this term is Islam. We will be focusing on 'The God who speaks' as a part of the 'Year of the Word'. **Please read the Word on Wednesday with your child.**

Science: We will be learning about 'Materials and Light'. Children will learn about the uses of everyday materials and how we see light. They will answer the question **'Why is glass a good material for windows?'**

Spanish: We will learn Spanish through songs exploring colours, numbers, months and familiar stories.

Geography: We will be learning about the seven wonders of the world. Children will locate them and learn about their importance.

Computing: We will use the ICT suite and iPads for cross-curricular learning. We will research topics and learn to present findings in a variety of ways. Using 2code, children will learn how to code simple programmes. **Please encourage your child to discuss what they are learning to support them in their learning.**

A reminder below about weekly events/home learning. Please ensure reading books/home learning books are returned on time.

Weekly Timetable

Monday

Home learning due back.
New spellings sent home.
Reading books are changed.

Wednesday

Word on Wednesday sent home. Please take time to read WOW with your child.

Thursday

Reading books are changed.
Whole class music lesson with Miss Dyer.
Home learning is sent home.

Friday

PE (Gymnastics)
Weekly spelling test.
Weekly mental maths test.

Your continued support at home is invaluable to help your child's progression this year. Please encourage your child to engage in a wide variety of texts and ask your child questions about the text. We will be doing lots of work in school but practicing the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables at home would be very beneficial to your child, alongside helping them to recognise coins and encouraging them to read time and weight.

Many thanks for your support, Ms Cahill