



## Welcome to Year Two!

Our team:

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Mrs C. Mitchell, Mrs L. Brown, Mrs A. Rowntree, Mrs  
F. Hurd, Mrs S. Newham and Mr D. Connolly

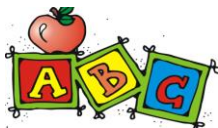
## Collective Worship and Celebration Assembly

Collective Worships, Celebration Assemblies and Masses will continue to take place in school.

Children will take part in Collective Worship on Monday and Wednesday. On Fridays there will be a celebration assembly and these will take place every fortnight.

## English

In Year 2, children will be having daily Phonics, Guided Reading and English sessions. Additionally, there will be regular handwriting sessions, where children will be encouraged to use a cursive joined style of writing. Weekly spellings will be given out and tested on Fridays and these link with phonic sessions. Children will be becoming more independent in Year 2 so will begin to change their own reading books. Each group will change theirs on a different day. However, it is still important that children read a range of different books at home as well.



## RE

Our RE topics from the 'Come and See' scheme will be:

- Beginnings
- Signs and Symbols
- Preparations



## How can you help your child at home?

1. Independence skills are a life skill which you can help your child to develop by encouraging them to empty their bag every day and hand you letters, their Homework Diary containing messages, or any other information.
2. Check your child has brought their Homework Diary home every day and see if they have homework to do.
3. Listen to your child read every day, discuss their reading and make a note in their Homework Diary.
4. Regularly practise times tables.
5. Help children practise their spellings, number bonds and handwriting.

## Curriculum

Our topic for the Advent Term will be:

History: The Great Fire of London

Geography: People and their communities – The Continents of the world

Science: Materials

Design and Technology: Structures – Freestanding structures

Art: Kandinsky and Collage and Sculpture – linked to the Great Fire of London

Computing: Coding

Our English Texts will be: The Day the Crayons Quit, Flat Stanley, Paddington Bear, Poetry and the Great Fire of London.

Children will also have a weekly PSHE lesson



## Maths

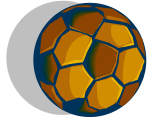
In Maths this term we will be doing:

- Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Money
- Multiplication and Division

During the week we will also be doing Times Tables Rock Stars to test recall of times tables. The times tables for Year 2 are 10s, 2s and 5s

## P.E Day – Tuesday & Friday

PE sessions are on a Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure your child has their P.E. kit in school. As well as the normal white polo shirt, black or blue shorts and plimsolls, your child will also need a navy blue tracksuit as some PE will be outdoors. No jewellery should be worn during PE lessons, including earrings which must be removed or taped over for PE days.



**Please ensure all items of your child's P.E kit and school uniform are clearly named.**



## Homework

- Each term your child will be sent home with KIRF (Key Instant Recall Facts) homework and KIRFs will be tested in class. There is KIRF support materials on our website. Occasionally an activity will be sent home if your child has found something tricky that day. Please find attached the maths KIRFs.
- For phonics, children will have weekly spellings homework. These will be given on a Friday and tested on the following Friday.
- Children should be reading at home **every** day and making a note in their Homework Diary. There is access to reading books on Oxford Owl and our website outlines recommended reads for each year group.

## Uniform

It is essential that EVERY uniform item is clearly labelled as it wastes a lot of valuable learning time identifying lost items. As our cloakrooms are very crowded, especially in the winter months, we struggle to fit everybody's bags in. Please send your child in with an appropriately sized bag, just big enough to fit their reading folder and a **named** water bottle.



## Homework Diaries

We do not check Homework Diaries daily, they will be checked and signed each week during guided reading sessions. If you have written a message in the Homework Diary please ask your child to show us.

## Behaviour at the Good Shepherd Academy

We are very proud of our children and the way in which they behave. Our behaviour management is rooted in love, forgiveness and the Gospel values. Through our nurturing approach, we encourage the children to see themselves as unique individuals made in God's image and we seek to accentuate the positive in each child.

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For current blog entries, photos, calendar events and newsletters visit:  
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