

Welcome to Advent Term Year Two!



Our team:
Mrs Kaur, Miss Whitaker,
Miss Dales, Mrs Sarno, Mrs Tyler and Mr McLaughlin

Collective Worship and Celebration Assembly

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

Children will take part in Collective Worship on Monday and Friday. On Fridays, there will be a celebration assembly and these will take place every fortnight. You will be notified if your child is selected to receive an award.



English

In Year 2, children will be having daily phonics and English sessions. Additionally, there will be regular handwriting sessions, where children will be encouraged to use a cursive joined style of writing. Children have access to the handwriting scheme used, Letter-join. Their log in information is stuck inside their organiser.

Key texts

Nurturing Nurses:

- Zog and the Flying Doctors
- Men and Women who Changed the World
- Mary Seacole Biography

The Great Fire of London:

- Toby and the Great Fire of London
- Bowtie Pasta: Acrostic Poems

RE

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

- Beginnings
- Signs and Symbols
- Judaism
- Preparations



How can you help your child at home?

1. Promote Independence which is an important life skill. Please help your child to develop this by encouraging them to empty their bag every day and hand you letters, their organiser, containing messages, or any other information.

2. Check your child has brought their organiser home every day to check if they have homework to do.

3. Listen to your child read every day, discuss their reading and make a note in their organiser.

Wider Curriculum

History: Nurturing Nurses, The Great Fire of London

Science: Animals including humans, Materials and Uses

Art: Drawing

Design & Technology: Mechanical: making fire engines

Computing: Effective searching, Coding (their Purple Mash log in is stuck in their diary)

PSHE: Health and Wellbeing: Physical health and mental wellbeing, Safe Relationships

PE: Fundamentals and Ball Skills



Maths

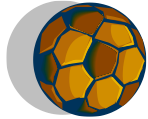
In Maths this term we will be doing:

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

During the week we will also be practising times tables. The times tables for Year 2 are 10s, 2s and 5s. Children have access to Times Tables Rock Stars at home too - login is stuck in their organiser

PE

PE sessions are on a Tuesday and Friday. Ensure your child comes dressed in their PE kit to 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 PE kit and school uniform are clearly named.

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

- We will be sending homework out each week on a Wednesday. This should be handed back the following Tuesday to be checked.
- Weekly homework will include: spellings, a maths activity and a knowledge organiser task linked to the topic work.
- We will be testing the children on their spellings each Wednesday.
- Children should be reading at home with an adult as often as possible - **EVERY** day for 10 minutes is ideal. Please make a note each time your child reads in their organiser.

Music

This year, children in Year 2 will be having their weekly music session with Mr Walters each Monday. We know the children will really enjoy this lesson and we look forward to developing their knowledge of pulse, pitch and dynamics this term.

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