

Welcome to back to Lent Term Year Two!



Our team:

Mrs Kaur, Miss Whitaker,
Miss Dales, Mrs Sarno, Mrs Tyler and Mr McLaughlin

Liturgical Prayer and Celebration Assembly

Liturgical Prayer, Celebration Assemblies and Masses will continue to take place in school.

Children will take part in whole school Liturgical Prayer and class Liturgical Prayer. On Fridays, there will be a celebration assembly and these will continue to take place every fortnight.

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 is stuck in their diary.

Key texts

Lent 1:

- Even my ears are smiling – Michael Rosen
- Gorilla – Anthony Browne

Lent 2:

- The Tale of Peter Rabbit – Beatrix Potter
- Amazing Animal Atlas – Nick Crumpton

RE

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

- Books
- Thanksgiving
- Opportunities



How can you help your child at home?

1. Independence – encourage your child 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. Embed our school mission statement by talking to them about the Mission Merits they achieve.

Curriculum

Geography: Nottingham to Poovar, Food and Farming

Science: Feeding and Exercise, Living Things and Habitats

Art: Collage & Sculpture: Building Animal Habitats

Design & Technology: Structures: Building Skyscrapers

Computing: Online Safety, Spreadsheets (their Purple Mash log in is stuck in their diary)

PSHE: Health and Wellbeing: Keeping Safe, Relationships: Families and friendships

PE: Dance and Invasion Skills, Fitness and Gymnastics



Maths

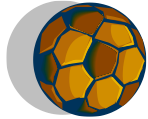
In Maths this term we will be doing:

- Measurement: Money
- Multiplication and Division
- Fractions
- Statistics

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. Their log in is stuck in their diary.

PE

PE sessions are now on a **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. 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

- Homework is an essential way to revisit learning so we will continue to send homework out each week on a Wednesday. This will be checked on the following Wednesday.
- Children will be reminded to ensure presentation and handwriting is carried out to their best ability, following our Letter-join scheme.
- 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 on Wednesdays.
- Children should be reading at home **EVERY** day and be making a note in their Homework Diary.

Music

Children will continue to have their weekly music session with Mr Walters where they will learn key skills including identifying the rhythm and beat in different pieces of music.

Keep up to date with calendar events and newsletters visit: www.goodshepherd.notts.sch.uk

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Behaviour Curriculum

The children in Year 2 have responded really well to the small changes we have made to our behaviour curriculum this term. The key phrases we use to support them to remember are: 'We Dress to Impress', 'We use Fantastic Walking' around school, We speak up, 'Loud and Proud' and SLANT – sit up, listen, ask and answer questions, nod your head and track the speaker. Well done Year 2!