

Welcome to Advent Term Year Two!



Our team:
Mrs Kaur, Miss Whitaker,
Miss Dales, Miss Degasperri

Collective Worship and Celebration Assembly

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

Children will take part in Liturgical Prayer on Monday.
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 and English sessions. Additionally, there will be regular handwriting sessions, where children will be encouraged to use a pre-cursive joined style of writing. Children have access to the handwriting scheme used, Letter-join. Their log in is stuck in their organiser.

Key texts

- Horrah for Mary Seacole
- Toby and the Great Fire of London
- Vlad and the Great Fire of London
- A Bug's life

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

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: Computer systems and networks

PSHE: Health and Wellbeing: Mental Health Physical health, Relationships

PE: Fundamentals and Gymnastics



Maths

In Maths this term we will be doing:

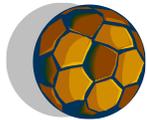
- Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Money
- Multiplication and Division

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. Their log in is stuck in their diary.

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, navy blue shorts and trainers, 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.

Homework

- We will be sending homework out each week on a Wednesday. This will be checked on the following Wednesday.
- 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 organiser.

Please note – for the first half term, we will only set reading and phonics homework. This is to encourage children to develop positive reading habits and make sure they read every day at home. They will read each day in school too and have their organiser checked.

Uniform

Please ensure your child arrives in school each day in full school uniform (PE kit on PE days). Long hair must be tied back and hairbands should be small and in school colours.

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.



Music

This year, children in Year 2 will be having their weekly music session with Mr Fox. They will also be recording a Christmas song with Mr Walters which we will begin practicing when we return after half term.

Keep up to date with calendar events and newsletters visit:

www.goodshepherd.notts.sch.uk

Follow us on Twitter for photos and class updates

@thegsaprimary

Behaviour

We are so proud of how the children behave in year 2 and we follow our school behaviour curriculum 'The Good Shepherd Way' which is rooted in our school values. We encourage children to: dress to impress, meet and greet each other and grown-ups, do fantastic walking around school and to **SLANT** in class (sit up, listen, ask and answer questions, nod your head and track the speaker).