

## Welcome to Advent Term Year Two!



Our team:

Mrs Kaur, Mrs Cordes, Mrs Ryan, Mrs Woodward, Mrs Smart and Mrs McCulloch

## 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. 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.

### Key texts

- The Hodgeheg by Dick King Smith
- The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark by Jill Tomlinson
- Hoorah for Mary Seacole
- Toby and the Great Fire of London
- Vlad and the Great Fire of London

## RE

Our RE topics this term will be:

- Creation to Covenant
- Prophecy and Promise



## 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 home every day organiser 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: Winged Animals

**Design & Technology:** Mechanical: making fire engines

**Computing:** Computer systems and networks

**PSHE:** Health and Wellbeing: Mental Health, Relationships

**PE:** Fundamentals and Gymnastics



## Maths

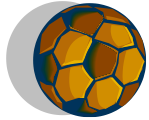
In Maths this term we will be doing:

- Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Shape

During the week we will also be practising times tables. The times tables for Year 2 are 10s, 2s and 5s.

## PE

PE sessions are on a Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure your child comes dressed in their PE kit to school. As well as the normal white polo shirt, navy shorts and trainers, your child will also need a navy blue tracksuit for the cooler weather 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 water bottle.



## Homework

- We will be sending homework out each week on a Friday. This will be checked on the following Friday.
- For the first few weeks of the year, we will be focusing on reading, spellings and times tables.
- Usual homework will begin on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** and will include: spellings, a maths activity and a knowledge organiser task linked to the topic work.
- No homework will be given out over a holiday, just reading and times tables practise will need to continue.
- We will be testing the children on their phonics words on Fridays.
- Children should be reading at home **EVERY** day and be making a note in their organiser.

## Music

This year, children will continue to have their weekly music session with Mr Fox. The children will be exploring rhythm, notation and rap!

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