

## Welcome to back to Pentecost Term Year 2!



Our team:

Mrs Kaur, Mrs Cordes, Mrs Ryan, Mrs Woodward, Mrs Smart, Mrs McCulloch and Miss Dales.

## 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, where children will be encouraged to use a pre joined style of writing.

### Key texts

- A tree – James Carter
- Where the Forest Meets the Sea – Jeannie Baker
- The Magic Faraway Tree – Jacqueline Wilson



## RE

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

### To the Ends of the Earth

*Are some fruits of the Holy Spirit easier to grow than others?*

### Dialogue and Encounter

*How can we work together in our community to be good neighbours and friends?*



## How can you help your child at home?

1. Independence – encourage your child to empty their bag every day and check their organiser.
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

**Geography:** Coastlines

**History:** Seaside

**Science:** Plants

**Art:** Painting: texture painting a coastline scenery

**Design & Technology:** Textiles: sewing bookmarks

**Computing:** Creating media, Data handling, Online safety

**PSHE:** Living in the wider world, Health and wellbeing: growing and changing

**PE:** Invasion skills, Athletics



## Maths

In Maths this term we will be doing:

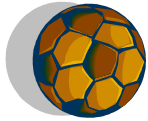
- Fractions
- Time
- Statistics
- Position and Direction

During the week we will also be practising times tables.

The times tables for Year 2 are 10s, 2s and 5s.

## PE

PE sessions continue to be 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.**

## Homework

- Homework is an essential way to revisit learning so we will continue to send homework out each week on a **Friday**. This will be checked on the following Friday.
- 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 will be reminded to ensure presentation and handwriting is carried out to their best ability.
- Homework will include: Phonics key words, a maths activity and a knowledge organiser task linked to the topic work.
- Children should be reading at home **EVERY** day and be making a note in their organiser.

## 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, 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.

As the weather (hopefully) gets warmer, please ensure your child attends school each day with a sun hat, their water bottle and with sun cream already applied.



## Music

Children will continue to have their weekly music session with Mr Fox where they will learn key skills including reading rhythm and performing different pieces of music.

Keep up to date with calendar events and newsletters visit:

[www.goodshepherd.notts.sch.uk](http://www.goodshepherd.notts.sch.uk)

Follow us on Instagram for photos and class updates

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## Behaviour Curriculum

The children in Year 2 are always impressing us by following our behaviour curriculum and 'The Good Shepherd Way'. A reminder that the key phrases we use to support them are: 'We Dress to Impress', 'We use Fantastic Walking around school', 'We use a Loud and Proud voice' and 'SLANT' – sit up, listen, ask and answer questions, nod your head and track the speaker. Keep it up Year 2!