

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to begin another exciting school year. This newsletter outlines the learning journey your child will take this Autumn Term. Rooted in the National Curriculum and our Catholic ethos, we will nurture every child academically, socially, and spiritually.



English:

In English, we will be learning about a range of skills and topics. In texts, we will explore poetry, fiction, and non-fiction picture books. Our grammar focus will include capital letters, full stops, question marks, and exclamation marks, as well as understanding statements, questions, exclamations, and commands. In phonics, we will work on developing decoding and fluency, while handwriting will focus on producing neat, joined writing. Spellings will involve weekly spelling patterns and common exception words. Finally, guided reading will take place in small-group sessions to deepen comprehension and extend vocabulary.



Mathematics:

In maths, we will be learning about **number** including place value, and addition and subtraction. Children will use practical resources, pictures, and written strategies to build their confidence and fluency in these areas.



Science:

In science, we will be learning about the uses of everyday materials, exploring their suitability and purpose.



Computing:

In computing, we will be learning about online safety and online bullying through Project Evolve, as well as programming, focusing on robot algorithms to develop an understanding of sequences and instructions.



Humanities:

We will be learning about a hot country in our topic: *Let's Go on Safari*, where we will explore African animals, landscapes, and cultures.



PSHEE – Created and Loved by God:

In our P.S.H.E. lessons, we will be learning through the theme *Created and Loved by God*, which explores the individual. Rooted in the teaching that we are created by God out of love and for love, this helps children to develop an understanding of the importance of valuing themselves as the foundation for building personal relationships. The following topics will be explored in more detail: Religious Understanding, Me, My Body, My Health, and Emotional Wellbeing.



Creative Arts:

In our creative arts lessons, we will be learning through a variety of activities. In art, we will explore *Colour Chaos*, studying abstract artists and creating both 2D and 3D work, including Christmas crafts. In music, we will focus on rhythm, pitch, pulse, and note duration, as well as responding to music, preparing for the KS1 Nativity, and developing teamwork and performance skills. In drama, we will perform two poems for the *Choral Speaking* category in the Drama Eisteddfod (November), and we will also explore Christmas themes through drama conventions and *The Snow Queen*.



Physical Education:

In P.E., we will be learning about invasion games such as netball and football, focusing on ball control and teamwork. We will also explore dance, using movement to music to develop coordination and expression.



Homework:

Homework will be set weekly to consolidate learning in literacy and maths. Occasionally, project-style tasks may link to our wider curriculum topics. Children are encouraged to read daily and practise their spellings at home.

We look forward to an enriching Autumn Term of learning, creativity, and faith. Thank you for supporting your child's journey with us.

With best wishes,
The Year 2 Team