

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Summer Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

This newsletter outlines the learning journey your child will take this Summer 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** with a focus on fractions, **measurement** with particular focus on length, height, and time and **geometry** with a focus on position and direction. We will also be introducing Year 2 to statistics. 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 growth and lifecycles of animals where they will learn how to notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults. They will find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air) and finally they will learn how to describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.

We will also be learning how to observe and describe seeds and bulbs as they grow into mature plants; and find out and describe how plants need water, light and suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.

Computing

This summer term in Computing, The children will explore Online Safety and Managing Online Information through the Project Evolve programme. They will learn how to stay safe online, recognise trusted adults, and begin to understand how to find and use information responsibly. In Physical Computing, children will use LEGO WeDo to build and program simple models, helping them understand how digital systems can control real-world objects. These engaging activities will support the development of problem-solving skills, creativity, and safe, confident use of technology.

Humanities

In humanities this term, Year 2 are stepping back in time to explore how travel and transport have changed over the last 100+ years. Through our new History unit on the history of transport, we are investigating how inventions have transformed the way we move people and goods from place to place.

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: Created to live in community, living in the wider world and religious understanding.

Creative Arts

In our creative arts lessons, we will be learning through a variety of activities. In art, we will be continuing our exploration of *Colour Chaos*, studying abstract artists and creating both 2D and 3D work, including tipper trucks and batik. In music, we will be building on the foundational elements of music in particular exploring music we can move to, through listening, responding to music and singing. Exploring improvisation through changing and combining sounds. We will also be developing musicianship ready for learning the recorder in Year 3: Pitch on the musical stave and stick notation. Respond to music using and increasing our understanding of musical terms.

Physical Education

In P.E., we will be learning about ball skills such as throwing, catching, striking and bowling through tennis and cricket lessons. The girls will also be developing their understanding of various athletics skills and preparing themselves for sports day.



Homework

Homework will be set weekly to consolidate learning in literacy and numeracy. Children are encouraged to read daily and practise their spellings at home. They also have access to various online activities, including Numbots, Spelling Shed and Teach your Monster.

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

With best wishes,
Ms Le Brun