

CURRICULUM INFORMATION



Autumn Term 2018 YEAR 2

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Dear Parents,

Enclosed is some information about your child's class, routine and curriculum that we hope you will find useful this term.

WEEKLY DIARY OF EVENTS

In a normal week the following activities will take place

DAY	Things that will be happening
Monday	Spelling test. Homework due in. Talk Homework set.
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Forest School, Homework/New spelling list set for Monday
Thursday	P.E. (Dance Coach)
Friday	P.E. (Multiskills)

Homework

Homework will be set on Wednesdays to support learning across the curriculum. Homework will include a new spelling list, a page from their *Schofield and Sims* spelling book and an English or Mathematics task. Talking homework will be set on Mondays for "The Big Write".

As the term progresses children will be learning their times tables for a test on Friday. In addition to this children are expected to read some of their school reading book every evening and this should be recorded in their reading diary.

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Reading

Children will be given a school reading book and are encouraged to read at home as well as being heard individually 3 times a week at school. We would also recommend that children read a variety of non-fiction and fiction books in their leisure time to enhance their individual learning. Children will also have a guided reading session once a week where your child will gain deeper understanding from the texts. They will also have a daily phonics session.

Writing

Writing is a key fundamental for communicating and your child will write for a variety of purposes to support their learning. We encourage children to write independently where we will be focusing on sentence structure, letter formation and punctuation.

During the Autumn Term we will look at the following:

- Stories in familiar settings.
- Information Texts.
- Non-fiction texts which will include instructions.
- Traditional Tales.
- Poetry. Children will be looking at poems about food and learning to write in different styles.
- We will be learning to use capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks correctly.
- We will learning to form nouns using suffixes such as –ness, –er and by compounding.
- We will be learning to be able to consistently use present and past tense in writing.
- We will be learning to expand noun phrases for description and specification.
- We will continue to learn to improve our story writing skills and to be to write in a variety of forms.
- In handwriting we will be learning to form letters correctly and to be consistent in size. Please note we now follow a **cursive** style for handwriting.

Maths

Children will be following the planned units of work. Work will be differentiated to suit the learner's needs as well as adopting the learning styles of individuals. This term the children will be learning to:

- Count up to 100 objects by grouping in 2's,5's,10's
- Explain place value of each digit and partition into tens and ones.
- Order numbers on a number line from 0-50.
- Compare numbers using more than and less than symbols.
- Read and write numbers to 100.
- Use the vocabulary of addition and subtraction and to use operations correctly.
- To be able to check answers.
- Know tables facts for the two, five and ten times table.
- Recognise odd and even numbers.
- Understand division as repeated addition and know that division and multiplication are inverse operations.
- To be able to use money to solve problems and give change.
- Use mental calculation to solve simple addition and subtraction problems.
- To use table facts to solve multiplication and division.

RE

Children will learn the teachings from the Catholic scheme of work set by the diocese. These teachings will nurture your child's faith and support the work of the Catholic Church. Your child will participate in a whole school mass as well as class room based prayer session. The prayer garden is also available for those children who wish to spend some quality time in prayer. This term we will be studying:

- Old Testament Stories and Prayers- your child will have a greater understanding of the Bible, stories about the people who were called into friendship with God, recognise that psalms are special songs to praise and thank god.
- Sharing in the Life of Jesus- your child will have a greater understanding about the life of Jesus and Mary and the call of the disciples, know that the rosary is a special form of Christian prayer, understand and take part in moments of stillness and prayer.
- Advent- Children will know that Advent is the preparation for Christmas, describe the advent wreath, know the story of John the Baptist, describe some ways the parish prepares for Christmas.

ICT

Children will use ICT to enhance their work across the curriculum as well as the learning basic key board skills. This term your child will be learning what a flowchart is and understand how it can be followed. They will be taught to arrange a simple flowchart into the correct order. They will learn to control an onscreen device and to give instructions accurately. They will have the opportunity to write simple algorithms to create specified patterns.

They will learn that a programmable robot can be controlled by pressing buttons and be able to program a floor robot. They will have the opportunity to be creative, experimental and work co-operatively with their peers.

Science

This term we will be looking at "All living things", and "Animals including humans". Children will also attend "Forest Schools". (Dates to be advised.)

In the topic "All living things" they will learn about the characteristics of being human and all living things, the differences between living things and things that have never been alive, between dead things and those that have never been alive and between living things such as plants and animals. We will also be learning about the essential characteristics for keeping us alive.

In "Animals including humans" they will learn about the life cycles of humans and other creatures, the basic needs of babies and adults, what we need to stay healthy, hygiene and caring for our teeth and the importance of exercise.

PSHE

The topic this term is Relationships where children will learn how to work play and share together and how to consider the views and opinions of other people. They will also learn how to manage risk, what to do if they are worried and how to protect themselves.

PE

Children will have 2 sessions a week of physical activity. This will involve dance and gymnastics, balance and using apparatus, ball skills and the importance of being a team player. The children will be monitored to improve their fitness levels by the following "Fit for St Mary's" programme.

Topic History and Geography(this term is a Geography based topic)

This term the children will be studying a topic called "India Spice". This topic is designed to:

Share prior knowledge and understanding of a country and to ask questions in order to deepen understanding

- To use maps, atlases, globes and computer mapping to locate India and nearby countries and be able to describe features.
- To learn about life, customs and traditions in India.
- To learn about weather, animals and plant life in India.
- To learn about and to sample some Indian foods and spices.

Art

During the term we will be working on 3D work where the children will handle, feel and manipulate rigid and malleable materials, experiment with different texture, colour and pattern.

We will also be using collage and printing materials.

D&T

Children will be making and tasting Indian food and will have the opportunity to mix and become familiar with different spices from India. We will also be learning to use a needle correctly in order to sew a Christmas decoration.

Music

Children will learn to use their voices and instruments to make a variety of long and short sounds and to respond to long and short sounds through movement. They will use symbols to represent long and short sounds. They will sing and use voices with increasing confidence and control.

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

- Planned Trips: Year 2 will visit a Hindu Temple as part of our Social Cohesion Week. (Date to be advised.)