

YEAR 2 AUTUMN 1

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2022

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"Happy together in God's family,
we love, grow and learn."

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school after our long summer break! I hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday and are as excited to get back into the school routine as we all are. I am delighted to be working with your children for another year and am looking forward to continuing to help them to learn and grow.

Year 2 will be supported in their learning this year by Mrs O'Donnell who is our brilliant teaching assistant. The children will also be supported by Mrs Middleton on a Tuesday morning.

In English this half term, we will be studying the story 'Katie in London'. Through this text, we will be working towards writing character and setting descriptions, a diary entry and beginning to build up the skills to retell the story using a wide range of exciting vocabulary. Throughout the half term we will focus on different aspects of grammar and punctuation recapping full stops, capital letters, question marks and sentence structure as well as learning about using different joining words. We will also be linking our English learning with our geography learning as we will be writing a non-Chronological report on London.

We will continue to place a big focus on our daily phonics lessons to help support the children with their reading and spellings. We will be moving onto level 6 phonics sounds as well as beginning to learn the Year Two common exception words. I will send a copy of these out in the first week but there will also be a copy on our class page. Each week our focus will be to implement our phonics into helping us spell accurately when writing, the weekly spelling test will continue to align with our weekly phonics. Please continue to practice your child's weekly spellings and read with them for at least 10 minutes every night as this really supports their confidence and learning in school.

In maths this half term, we will be looking at place value and number operations including addition and subtraction. In place value, we will be counting, reading, writing and comparing numbers to at least 100 and recognising the value of each digit in a two-digit number. We will be learning to add and subtract two-digit numbers and apply what we have learnt to problem solving. We will also have a short session each week working on arithmetic skills and mental maths. Please continue to allow your child to play on hit the button and this enables them to practice quick recall of number facts. I will continue to send home the mental maths focuses as and when it is necessary, please practise this concept with your child ready for their mental maths tests in school.

Please use the class page to find many useful links to support your child's learning. To find out more about the other curriculum areas we will be studying this half term, please visit our website to see our knowledge organisers.

Please don't hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions or concerns.

Many thanks,
Miss Roberts

Important Days

Monday

- Reading books to be changed. Please bring reading folder.
- Spelling test. Please bring spelling book.

Thursday and Friday:

PE lesson (come in PE kit)

Important Dates

Wednesday 14th September
Open classroom – 9:15 – 10:15

Thursday 22nd September
Individual photos

Sunday 25th September
Family Mass in church – 11am

Thursday 29th September
Darker skies project

Friday 30th September
Macmillan Coffee Morning – 9:15am

Thursday 6th October
Rosary Day

Friday 7th October
Harvest Festival – 2:30pm

Monday 10th October
Y2 English parent meeting via Zoom – 4pm

Wednesday 13th October
Flu immunisations

Tuesday 18th October
Parents Evening – 4 – 6:30pm

Thursday 20th October
Parents Evening – 4 – 6:30pm

Thursday 20th October –
School closes

