

YEAR 2 SUMMER 1

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2021

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

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school after the Easter break. Once again, we have a busy half term ahead with Year 2 leading a class assembly and making preparations for the Mass that the children will lead with Year 5. We will also be continuing to care for the plants we sowed at the end of last term and hopefully begin to see signs of growth as the seeds germinate.

We are looking forward to meeting you all again at Parents Evening next week to share the progress your children have made so far and how we look forward to building upon this further this term.

In English this half term, we will be studying a range of fiction texts based on dinosaurs. We will focus on consolidating spelling rules linked to past and present tense and using vocabulary for effect to compare (e.g. stronger/ **strongest**) and the different uses of apostrophes to show ownership (e.g. Dad's lunch) and contraction (e.g. It's) We will also continue to practise our pre-cursive handwriting and the Year 1/2 spelling patterns and common exception words which is a core thread to writing in Year 2. The children will embed these skills through writing narratives and letters. This topic is cross curricular so will have links with their learning in *history* and the work of Mary Anning and their new science topic *animals and their habitats*.

In maths this half term, we will be looking at measurement and capacity. Through this topic the children will be introduced to weight and mass, compare measurement in grams and will be introduced to capacity and volume where they will begin to compare volume in millilitres and litres. The children will also have a weekly mental maths session where they look at mental maths procedures. They have a mental maths target which will be tested regularly when they show signs that they are secure and afterwards they will be sent home with a new target.

You can support your child at home by encouraging them to read daily, practicing their weekly spellings and their mental maths targets. 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. If you have any questions about this coming half term, please do not hesitate to ask.

Mrs Ellis and Miss Hughes – Class teachers



Above: A sample of the beautiful artwork produced by the children as part of their South Africa topic.

Important Days

Monday: Spelling test/ Reading books changed.

Wednesday PE kit required.

Thursday Mental Maths test where appropriate.

Important Dates

27/4/21 4.00-6.30pm
Parents Evening* - Parent Cloud

29/4/21 4.00-6.30pm
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3/4/21
Bank Holiday – school closed

7/5/21
NSPCC Number Day

13/5/21 - 9:30am
Whole school Mass led by Year 5 - Zoom

14/5/21 -9.30am
Bring a flower for Mary

21/5/21 11.00am
Y2 and Y5 class Mass - Zoom

24/5/21
Pentecost picnic

24/5/21
STEM week

27/5/21 -9:30am
Year 2 class assembly* - Zoom

27/5/21 -3:20pm
School closes

28/5/21 **Training Day**

