

# Year 2 Autumn newsletter

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support so far this year. The children are working so hard and have all settled in well to Year 2. Parental support and involvement is vital in Year 2 so here is a summary of what will be covered in class during the Autumn term so you can support your child at home.

ENGLISH

Year 2 pupils will begin this term by focusing on punctuation and grammar. We will be looking at word classes, the structure of sentences and how to form paragraphs.

In Autumn 2, we will be reading 'Three Billy Goats Gruff' and 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We will be focusing on our sentence skills further through our writing. Throughout Autumn term, in English lessons, children will be working hard to use punctuation for all sentences and develop their vocabulary. We will also be focusing on improving our spelling skills and improving our handwriting as we begin to use cursive handwriting to join letters. It is important that children are reading regularly at home and bring their book bag to school daily.

We will be having weekly spelling tests and the children will bring their spellings home to practise.



MATHS

Year 2 pupils are already showing an enjoyment of Maths lessons and are working hard to develop their understanding of place value.

During Autumn term, children will be focusing on place value skills and the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Children will be able to understand the place value of any two-digit number and represent and partition these numbers in a variety of ways.

We will be focusing on arithmetic skills throughout this term and we will be sending home examples of these methods as the term goes on.

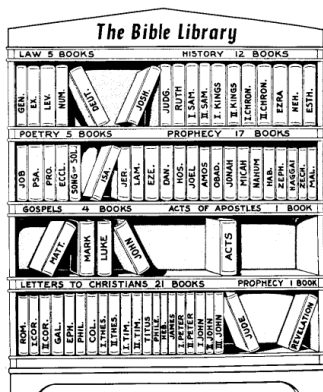
In addition to this, children will be starting to count in 2's, 5's and 10's and will be recalling multiplication and division facts for these times tables.

## RE

We continue to follow the Archdiocese of Birmingham RE strategy.

Year 2 will be learning more about the Bible and focusing on stories from the Old Testament. Through our unit 'Sharing in the life of Jesus' we will be learning about biblical characters who impacted on the life of Jesus and learning more about their roles. Before Christmas, we will be completing our Advent unit where we will be focusing on the importance of preparing for Jesus' birth and His second coming.

We will also be learning about different places of Worship as part of our multi faith curriculum. Throughout the year, children will continue to attend Mass on a Wednesday and prayer services in school. Children will continue with daily Collective Worship opportunities in school and will have the opportunity to plan and lead these themselves within their class.



### GEOGRAPHY

During the Autumn term, children are completing a unit for 'Our World' We will be focusing on naming and locating the continents and oceans of the world as well as important landmarks within each continent. We will also be learning about the UK and Norway while comparing both capital cities and major landmarks.

Throughout this unit, we will be developing our map skills.

In Autumn 2 we are looking at famous people and how they have changed our lives, specifically looking at hospital and healthcare.



### COMPUTING

Children will continue to develop their understanding of simple computer programming and algorithms using Purple Mash.

Before using technology, children are always reminded of internet safety rules.

This term we will be focusing on using a range of Purple Mash programmes and we will be improving our computer literacy skills.

### PE

During PE sessions, Year 2 are learning key skills of running, jumping and throwing.

Next half term, pupils will be completing a dance unit with Mr King and their class teacher on improving their movement skills.

### SCIENCE

Children will be completing a unit titled 'Living Things and Their Habitats' during Autumn 1. During this unit, we will be practically exploring what living things live in our school habitat as well as sorting animals based on where they live. In Autumn 2, we will be learning all about 'Everyday Materials'. We will be identifying different materials and their different purposes. We will also be reflecting on the suitability of different materials and their properties. Throughout both units, we will be developing our use of scientific vocabulary and ability to think scientifically.

### ART and D+T

As part of our Art this half term, children will be completing a unit called 'Self-portraits'. We will start by creating our own self-portrait before looking at a range of artists and their own individual style portraits. We will then recreate some of these.

In Autumn 2, we will be researching, designing, making and evaluating our own Christmas decorations to take home.

### At home

Homework is set via Purple Mash every Friday. Please make sure that this is completed by the following Thursday.

It is important that children read at home daily and bring their book bag into school each day so they can also read with a teacher. Children will bring home 2 books each week: one which will be the phonics book they access in school and one book which they have chosen to share with their family.

PE lessons will take place every Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on these days and that any earrings have been removed.

Please note, all children must be wearing the correct school shoes and not trainers.

If there is anything you are unsure about, please do not hesitate to have a chat with us at 3.30pm.

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