

Year 2 Spring newsletter

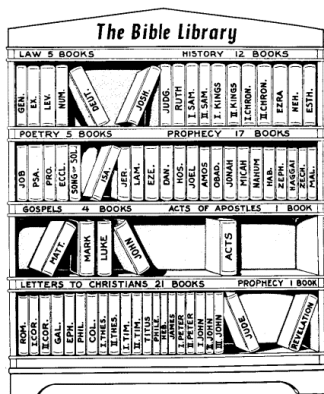
Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support so far this year. The children are working so hard and are already making great progress in 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 Spring term so you can support your child at home.

ENGLISH

During Spring 1, we will be continuing to focus on sentence structure and using adjectives within our writing. We will be having an exciting visit from Teach Rex and we will be using this to write a recount of the visit, focusing on time connectives and writing in the first person. Within our English lessons, children will be working hard to use punctuation for all sentences and develop their vocabulary. We will be starting to use conjunctions to extend our sentences and commas in a list. We will also be focusing on improving our spelling skills and improving our handwriting as we focus on using cursive handwriting to join letters.

In Spring 2 we are focussing on punctuation and grammar. Within this we are looking at word types, what we need to form a sentence and conjunctions. The children will then apply this knowledge in all independent writing to ensure it is of a high standard.



MATHS

During Spring 1, children will be focusing on fractions and we will be finding $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ of shapes and amounts. After this, we will be focusing on money. Children will be learning to recognise different denominations and to be able to find change from a given amount of money.

In Spring 2 we will be focussing on geometry and measurement including mass, capacity and temperature.

We will be continuing to focus on arithmetic skills throughout this term and we will be completing weekly arithmetic lessons to revise the five areas of arithmetic we have studied so far: addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and fractions,

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 Christmas Story and the key events within this. We will be learning about different characters who were a part of the Christmas story and difficulties they faced. We will also be learning about Special Celebrations within the Catholic faith and how Sacraments are celebrated within our church. 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 and HISTORY

During the Spring term, children will be learning geographical vocabulary to describe the seaside and learning simple compass directions. We will continue to develop our map skills and begin to use keys to understand maps more. Throughout this unit, we will also recap on our knowledge of the UK.

In Spring 2 children will be learning about the Great Fire of London in 1666. Children will be exploring the fire we will be learning how to sequence events chronologically and how to use a range of different sources to provide evidence for their explanations.



SCIENCE

During Spring term, we will be continuing with our unit 'Everyday Materials'. We will be recapping on the properties of materials and will begin to focus on how shapes can be changed through bending, twisting and squashing.

In Spring 2, we will be starting our new unit of 'Animals including Humans' and we will look at offspring of different species.

Within this unit, we will also look at the importance of hygiene, exercise and healthy living. Throughout both units, we will be developing our use of scientific vocabulary and ability to think scientifically.



COMPUTING

Children will continue to develop their understanding of simple computer programming using Purple Mash. We will be focusing on presenting data using technology and spreadsheets.

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 with a special focus on online searching.

PE

During PE sessions, Year 2 are learning key skills of attacking, defending and shooting.

Next half term, pupils will be completing a gymnastics unit with Mr King.

ART and D+T

As part of our Art this half term, children will be studying the artist Henry Rousseau. We will be focusing on the features of his work and creating our own artwork in his style.

In Spring 2, we will be designing and making our own vehicles to discuss the question 'How to wheels and axels make vehicles move?'. We will be evaluating our finished designs.

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.

Mr Adams and Miss Cross
Year 2 Class teachers