

# 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 reading *Georges Marvellous Medicine*. The children will be creating their own descriptions of George's horrible grandma and they will be learning how to write instructions to create their own marvellous medicine!

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. We will be learning about the Great Fire of London in History and will be using what we have learnt to create a non-chronological report.



## MATHS

In Spring 1 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 recalling multiplication and division facts for 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

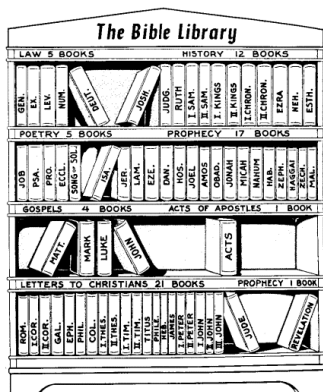
During Spring 2, children will be learning about shape. They will explore, describe and compare the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, using mathematical language to talk about sides, vertices, faces and edges. Later in the term, we will focus on addition and subtraction of two 2-digit numbers. Children will learn and practise a range of strategies to help them calculate accurately and efficiently.

## 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 Tulum in Mexico. We will be looking at human and physical features and comparing it to our local area.

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 questioning.

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 hitting, catching and running.

We will also be completing a gymnastics and attack, defend and shoot units with Mr King.

### ART and D+T

As part of our Art this half term, children will be studying the artist Ted Harrison. We will be focusing on chromatic art and how artists use colour.

In Spring 2, we will be designing and making our own fire engines!

### 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 a book each week: which will be the phonics book they access in school.

During the spring term the PE lessons will take place every Tuesday and Thursday.

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on these days.

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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