



Year 2

Spring Term Newsletter



Welcome to Spring Term in Year 2! We have a very busy term ahead, preparing for our special challenges in May. Thank you all, once again, from us all, for our beautiful Christmas gifts. I am so looking forward to my afternoon tea! I do hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. This term, our values are Wisdom and Hope. In class and during collective worship we will be thinking about these values and creating work which reflects what these values mean to us.

Maths

Multiplication and Division

- Recognise, make and add equal groups
- Introduce the multiplication symbol
- Multiplication sentences
- Use arrays
- Make equal groups - grouping and sharing

Money

- Count money in pence and pounds
- Choose notes and coins
- Make the same amount
- Compare amounts of money
- Calculate with money
- Make a pound

Length and height

- Measure in cms and ms
- Compare lengths and heights
- Order lengths and heights
- Four operations with lengths and heights

Mass, capacity and temperature

- Compare mass
- Measure in grams and kilograms
- Compare volume and capacity
- Measure in millilitres and litres
- Use all in the four operations

P.E

On Friday afternoon the children will have P.E. Please ensure children have the correct P.E kit: navy blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms and yellow/white T-shirts. Please make sure all items of your child's P.E kit are named. If your child is unable to access a P.E lesson due to injury or illness, please write a note to let us know. Please remember that earrings must not be worn during P.E. lessons and should be removed before school if necessary. Finally a warm jumper and bottoms is needed for outside.

English

Please read regularly at home with your child as this is vitally important for the development of their reading and writing skills. When reading with your child, please ask them questions about what has happened, what will happen, and their own feelings and opinions about what they have read. Please feel free to log any reading that they do, and a range of fiction and non-fiction is encouraged. We appreciate your help to look after your child's reading record and ensure they are signed regularly and are kept in your child's book bag at all times. Our English lessons will be based on a range of genres. We start the term by retelling a story based on the theme of fear. The children will use innovation to change the stories before finally inventing their own sequels. Our lessons will have a grammar focus - adjectives, nouns and verbs in particular - because this is a high priority within the end of year expectations.

Wellbeing

Philosophy will be a key focus this year and sessions will be based on a book, picture or video stimulus to encourage the children to ask questions. Each day in Year 2, our day will start with a question for the children to discuss and answer. During our PSHÉ sessions we will be talking about being caring and responsible in our community, and some of our learning will link to our value of Wisdom.

An important part of our Wellbeing learning in Year 2 is to look after Trinity Gardens. This term we will be harvesting, weeding and planting. Please can children have wellies in school and they may also bring in their own gardening gloves too if they wish.

Science, Computing and Design Technology

Our topic this term will be *Living Things*. We will be learning about the life cycles of humans, and other animals. We will find out about the basic needs of all animals and the importance of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene. Our Design and Technology lessons will involve planning and creating a healthy savoury meal so that the children are able to feed themselves and others a healthy and varied diet.

During Computing we will be particularly focusing on how to use technology safely and securely. With a particular focus on the dos and don'ts when online in regards to using personal information.

Expressive Arts

Our main focus will be based on Aboriginal Art and the Australian artist Clifford Possum Tjapaltjarri. The children will use this style of collage painting to inspire their own work based on another culture. Inspired by our Geography topic 'A Visit to China' we will be making dyed Chinese fabric lanterns.

In French the children will focus on learning the name of animals and how to talk about their family members.

During our music lessons the children will continue to listen & appraise. They will again be learning different styles (Rock and Reggae), finding the pulse and recognising the different varieties of instruments used.

Uniform

Please adhere to the school's uniform policy which can be found on the website. As the winter closes in, please ensure your child brings a named coat daily.

Hats and gloves are advised too as the children will be outside unless it is raining heavily.

PPA

On Thursday morning/afternoon I have my PPA. During this time Mrs Boyle will be covering the class and teaching English and Maths in the morning and Art & Design, Music and French.

Geography

In Spring 1, our topic is 'A Visit to China'. Children will learn about life in China, The Great Wall of China and what it is like to be a child in China. It is very different! This fits perfectly with Chinese New Year which is Sunday 22nd January. So on Monday 23rd January, Year 2 will be having a Chinese Day! Details to follow.

History

During History this term the children will be learning about the lives and achievements of two famous women: Rosa Parks and Elizabeth Fry. Most children will know something about Rosa Parks as she is one of the people we learn about in Collective Worship during Black History Month. Elizabeth Fry is probably the lesser known of the two but is regarded as an important philanthropist. She wanted to do good with her life and after visiting Newdigate Prison, Elizabeth's actions led to the reform of the prison system across the country.

R.E

Our first unit for the Spring term is: 'Why Did Jesus Teach The Lord's Prayer As The Way To Pray?' This unit teaches the importance of prayer to Christians, and in particular, The Lord's Prayer. The children will learn how this prayer is the way that Jesus taught his followers to pray to God and the meaning of each phrase in The Lord's Prayer. The children will also learn how The Lord's Prayer is used by Christians worldwide. During the second half of the Spring term we will learn about the School's Saint's and how Easter symbols help us to understand the true meaning of Easter.

Loveworks

Following the excellent response over the last few years, we have once again decided to support the local charity Loveworks as one of our half termly 'love projects.' Loveworks helps those in need of food and can also offer support with paying utility bills. To support Loveworks, we are running our 'A Tin A Week' project again. As the name suggests, we are asking for children to bring in one item a week for the next five weeks. We hope that we can reach at least 500 items by half term. The items needed are listed below in priority order: UHT semi skimmed milk, shampoo, toilet rolls, tins of meat casserole, tinned corn beef, ham etc, long life fruit juice, tinned fruit, porridge oats, soup, tuna, pasta sauce, jam, rice, tinned potatoes/smash, tinned vegetables, tinned tomatoes, breakfast cereals, tinned custard/rice pudding, deodorant/anti perspirant.

To find out more about Loveworks please follow the link <http://www.loveworks.org.uk/> Thank you in advance for your support.

Key Dates

PTFA Evening Event	Friday 27 th January
PTFA School Disco	Thursday 9 th February
Book Week	w/c 20 th February
Bags 2 School	Wednesday 22 nd February
St. David's Day – yellow shirt	Wednesday 1 st March
PTFA Cinema Night	Wednesday 8 th March
St. Patrick's Day – green shirt	Friday 17 th March
SSA Parent and Carer Evenings	w/c 20 th March
World Poetry Day	Tuesday 21 st March
PTFA Easter Colour Run	Friday 24 th March
Parent and Carer Evening	Monday 27 th March
Parent and Carer Evening	Tuesday 28 th March
Parent and Carer Evening	Wednesday 29 th March
Easter Service Christ Church	Friday 31 st March – 9.30am

And finally...

If you have any quick questions or concerns please feel free to catch me in the playground at the end of the day. I am very happy to answer your queries and it is always good to see you! If you would like to speak with me more privately, please see me to arrange an appointment. Please do keep an eye on the school website which lists all the key dates for the Spring term.

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Year 2 Team