



We are called to be the hands and face of Jesus as we learn, love and grow together

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Class Information Letter – Year 2

Welcome to the new school year. The children have made a positive start to Year 2 and are beginning to get to know their new routines. We are looking forward to giving the children many opportunities for new learning with lots of challenge. The Year 2 team and all the children have high expectations for learning and having fun.

Behaviour and Rewards

Our school uses the Hertfordshire Steps approach which supports a therapeutic ethos, early intervention and professional responses to complex, challenging or high-risk behaviours. We have developed three universal school rules which each class has spent time exploring and these are:

- Be ready
- Be respectful
- Be safe

In Year 2 the children will be rewarded for particularly good learning or behaviour. There will be a visual celebration of their achievements in each Year 2 class. For exceptional learning or behaviour children will be taken to Mr White for special recognition and a Headteacher's Award.

Curriculum

Here is information relating to the Autumn Term curriculum.

In RE we shall continue to follow the liturgical year. This term, beginning with Ordinary Time, leads up to the liturgical seasons of Advent and Christmas. Our themes are The Chosen People and Mysteries. We will use Bible stories to learn about some characters that were chosen by God for their special qualities. The children will also learn about the Trinity as well as other Mysteries.

Each week you will receive the Wednesday Word which has the current gospel reading for you to share with your child. There are other fun activities to enjoy together.

English Work in English will cover poetry, traditional tales, recounts and explanations. The children will be developing their reading skills with a particular emphasis on comprehension through regular guided reading. Drama activities will help to develop their vocabulary as well as speaking and listening skills. The children will be given many opportunities to write in different contexts.

Maths The main focus throughout the year will be to develop reasoning in maths. This will include recognising patterns and using mathematical vocabulary. This term the focus is mainly on number and our number system. You can support your child at home by playing dice and card games, practising number bonds for 10 and 20 as well as the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Science Our topic is 'Animals including Humans' and will cover aspects of animals and their offspring and the basic needs of animals for their survival, nutrition, exercise, sleep, water and hygiene. We will be carrying out investigating working scientifically.



Computing The children will be using Purple Mash to develop coding and spreadsheet skills. We will also be considering keeping safe on the internet. Please remember that the children can access Purple Mash to consolidate their learning at home.

Topic Our history topic this term are “**The Victorians**’ and will be covered through science, history, geography and art. There will be links with English to develop skills.

Physical Education

Throughout the whole school all PE kits consist of navy shorts and white round necked t-shirt.

Children will need their P.E. kit every Tuesday and Friday but it is advisable to leave the PE kit in school and only take home each half term.

Home Learning Home learning is set on Fridays to be returned no later than the following Wednesday. This will usually include maths and English. This is supplemented by regular reading, spellings, number bonds and times tables. Children are expected to bring their reading book and reading record in their school book bag each day.

General information:

Our next parent Consultations will be on: **Monday 7th October 2018: 3.30pm – 7.30pm**
Tuesday 8th October 2018: 3.30pm – 5.30pm

The children will be attending Parish Mass regularly during the term.

Water Bottle: All children are encouraged to drink water during the day, therefore, please supply your child with a refillable sports top water bottle. This must **ONLY** contain water, **NO** juices.

Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a free piece of fruit or vegetable every day. Children in other year groups may bring in a piece of fruit or vegetable for a morning snack if they wish.

Jewellery. NO jewellery should be worn in school including earrings. Those with pierced ears must remove the earrings during school hours. If you wish your child to have their ears pierced this should take place at the beginning of the summer holidays to ensure the ears are healed before returning in September.

Long hair must be tied back during school hours.

Plimsolls: all pupils must have a pair of well-fitted plimsolls in school. Please ensure all clothing and personal items are named. Lost property is now in a blue box directly outside our main office area and is accessible at all times.

Thank you in anticipation of all of your support throughout the year. We look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year.

The Year 2 Team

