



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 Spring 2019

We wish you a belated Happy New Year and thank you for all your good wishes.

Here is information relating to the Spring Term.

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. Rewards will consist of merit points which go towards certificates for 20, 40 or 60 merits. Additionally, children will sometimes be given a note to take home to celebrate their achievements. For exceptional learning or behaviour children will be taken to Mr White for special recognition and a Headteacher's Award.

In **RE** we shall continue to follow the liturgical year. Epiphany is followed by Candlemas and then Lent. Our topics are The Good News and The Mass. The Good News helps us to understand how Jesus turned sadness into joy and teaches us to always remember to say thank you to Jesus for his love and guidance. The Mass teaches us all about the celebration of Mass and helps us to understand the meaning of the Eucharist.

English - we will concentrate on narrative, character descriptions, explanation texts, reports and poetry. We shall be reading fairy tales, and other stories to help us with our story writing, letter writing and grammar. We will be describing characters from these books and developing a rich vocabulary. We will be developing the use of explanation texts to inform us about our topic work and learning how to write reports. We will have fun with space poetry.

Maths – all of our topics will include reasoning. We will concentrate on place value and counting in 2s 5s and 10s making good use of the Base 10 and all our new equipment to support our learning. We will also cover ordering, estimating and rounding, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, mental calculation strategies, data handling and measuring, fractions and solving real life problems.

Science – we will investigate changing materials and will carry out experiments with clay and ice. We will learn about the solar system as part of 'Our Earth and Beyond' topic which also includes finding out about Neil Armstrong and the moon landing.

Computing – we will be using Purple Mash, word processing and Paint programs to develop the children's confidence and knowledge, particularly mouse control and keyboard skills.



Topics - we will be finding out about The Great Fire of London and the importance of the eye witness account written by Samuel Pepys. This informs our history and geography understanding of the development of London, housing and the fire service.

Physical Education

Throughout the whole school all PE kits consist of navy shorts and white round necked t-shirt (all KS2 pupils will be expected to also have a navy track suit and trainers).

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.

Our next parent Consultations will be on: **Monday 11th February 2019 : 3.30pm – 7.30pm**
Tuesday 12th February 2019 : 3.30pm – 5.30pm

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

Home learning is set on Fridays for the following Wednesday and will include Maths and English. This is supplemented by regular reading and spellings.

General information:

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-fitting plimsolls in school.

Children in Reception and KS1 are expected to bring their Reading Books in a school Book Bag each day.

Thank you for all your support throughout the year.

The Year 2 team

