



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 Pasteur Autumn 2021**

Welcome back to school and thank you for ensuring your child was well prepared for the beginning of term; we were very pleased to see them, and they are all settling well into the new routines of Year 2.

The adults who are working in Year 2 Pasteur this year are Mrs Jane Cooper (Class teacher) and Mrs Cascarino and Mrs Tayyaba (Teaching assistants).

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 Pasteur, positive behaviour, attitude and learning choices are rewarded with stickers being given and stuck onto a merit card. When a child reaches 20 stickers, he/she is rewarded by opening up the class "treasure box" and choosing a small reward. The process then begins again.

Curriculum

Please find below an overview of our Autumn Term curriculum coverage:

Religious Education:

The topics are: The Chosen People and The Mysteries.

The main theme of The Chosen People is that Faith is trusting God. We will also look at the Old Testament stories of important people such as Abraham and Daniel. We will be exploring how Faith leads to hope and courage, these being values within the Kingdom of God.

The main theme of The Mysteries is the Trinity, the Mysteries of God, and the mystery of Jesus' birth.

Each week you will also receive a link to **The Wednesday Word** which will help you to support your child's faith journey throughout the liturgical year.

We shall continue to follow the liturgical year, beginning with Ordinary Time, leading up to the liturgical seasons of Advent and Christmas.

English:

Work in English will cover poetry, traditional tales, recounts and explanations. The children will be developing their reading and comprehension skills through individual and shared whole class texts and activities. The children will be given many opportunities to write in different contexts.

Attached to this letter are details of all the grammar and punctuation taught in Year 2.



Children will be given weekly spellings to learn and practise in neat cursive handwriting.

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.

After Christmas your child can log onto the Times Tables Rockstars to support their fluency and the recall of the times tables. Your child will have their own log-in details in their reading diary after Christmas.

Science:

Our topics are Animals including Humans and Working Scientifically.

Computing: The children will be using Purple Mash to develop coding and spreadsheet skills. We will also be learning how to keep safe on the internet. Please remember that children can access Purple Mash to consolidate their learning at home. The children have logged into Google classroom and their personal logins are in their Reading diary, alongside their Purple Mash logins.

Geography/History: Our topics are: What a Wonderful World, which teaches about the location of countries, continents and oceans of the world in relation to the position of the United Kingdom and children's own locality. In History we will be finding out about the Great Fire of London and the importance of the eyewitness account written by Samuel Pepys. This informs our history and geography understanding of the development of London, housing and the fire service.

Art /Design Technology: The children will be developing their drawing and sketching skills by using and recognising lines and marks in a range of media. They will be colour mixing and creating collage using different materials. They will be learning about mood colours with musical stimuli. After half-term in DT, the children will be paper engineering by cutting, joining, folding and making pop ups.

Music

This term we have launched our use of a new scheme called Charanga Music
The topic areas we will cover are South African Styles, Big Band, Motown, Elvis and Freedom songs.

Physical Education PE is on Tuesday and Fridays, dance / gymnastics. Pupils should attend school in their PE kits on their designated days and ensure they have a water bottle. PE kit consists of navy shorts and a plain white T-shirt and trainers. This can be worn with navy or black plain joggers and a school jumper to ensure that your child remains warm during the colder weather.

Home Learning

Home learning tasks will be set using an A4 home learning book. Each week an English and Maths task will be given. The books will be sent out on Fridays to be returned on a Wednesday.

Our Google Classroom is accessible via the following link: <https://classroom.google.com/>. All children have been provided with their own log ins and passwords which can be found in their Reading Diaries.

Reading continues to be an important focus and we are keen that the children read as much as possible, both out loud to an adult and silently to themselves. The class page on the school website has links to recommended reading books for our class. As the children progress with their reading it becomes more important to question them about the text they are reading, the types of grammar and punctuation in the sentences and the author's choice of vocabulary. As far as possible, please ensure that your child reads at home four times a week to develop both their reading and comprehension skills.

General information:

Water Bottle & snacks: 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. Your child is provided with a fruit vegetable snack whilst they are in KS1.



The only jewellery permitted in school is one small pair of ear studs (please remove for PE days), and an inexpensive watch from Year 2. Long hair must be tied back during school hours.

Plimsolls and indoor shoes: all pupils must have a pair of well-fitted indoor shoes in school. Please ensure all clothing and personal items are named.

Pick up procedures – keeping everyone safe

Thank you for your continued compliance and patience for the safe arrival and leaving procedures at school. If you have not yet returned the end of the day permission slip, please do so. We are very pleased with the sensible independence shown by all the pupils in adapting to the new routines in place.

Twitter & Pupil Post

Please follow the school on Twitter @svdp_school (easily accessed through the school website) and via the weekly Pupil Post. This is proving to be a great source of communication for our school and enables you to see what is happening in the class on a regular basis.

School Website – curriculum links

The class information pages of our school website can be accessed via the following link:

<http://www.stvincent.herts.sch.uk/os-classes.html>

Here you will find many curriculum links relevant to your child's current learning. Please do spend some time exploring these pages if you can.

On the website you also find a link to our Curriculum Statement which explains our approach to all areas of the curriculum. It can be viewed via the following link:

<https://www.stvincent.herts.sch.uk/documents/Curriculum-Statement-May-2021.pdf>

Communication: If you have any concerns at any point during the year, please do not hesitate in contacting me jcooper@stvincent.herts.sch.uk. Please remember no problem is too small; anything that is important to you and your child is important to us too.

Parent Consultations

Our first parent consultation of the year will occur shortly after half-term and will be an online appointment using School Cloud. Booking details will follow shortly. We hope that our second parent consultation in the Spring Term will be face to face. This will also be an opportunity for you to see first-hand the work that your child is completing.

Thank you in anticipation for your support throughout the year. We look forward to working in close partnership with you to ensure your child is happy and progressing well in school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jane Cooper

