



*In the Light of Jesus
we Learn to Shine*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We welcome you and your children to Year 2 and the start of a very busy term. For your information we are sending you an overview of the curriculum your child will be covering this term. We will continue to teach an ambitious and broad curriculum in all subjects from the start of the Autumn Term.

During the Autumn Term there will be an opportunity to have formal feedback on how your child has settled into their new class and year group.

<p>Religious Education: Topics covered this term:</p> <p>Family: In Year 2 we will focus on Beginnings. We will explore how God is present at every beginning. The children will explore how some beginnings are difficult and others easy. Through the story of creation, the children will learn that God made the world, including us, and that He loves us.</p> <p>Signs and Symbols: The Year 2 focus is Signs and Symbols. We will be learning about the signs and symbols connected with baptism and the significance of each rite within the celebration.</p> <p>Preparations: The Year 2 focus is Preparations. We will be preparing for the Birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas and exploring how God sent Jesus into the world as a very special gift because He loves us.</p> <p>Other Faiths: This term the children will also spend time learning about the faith tradition of Judaism.</p> <p>PSHE: Topics covered this term are: Families and Friendships, Safe Relationships, Respecting Ourselves and Others and Health and Wellbeing.</p>	<p>English:</p> <p>Handwriting – the expectations in handwriting for the end of Year 2 have been raised by the 2014 curriculum. Our children will practise handwriting that will focus on writing letters that are consistent in size.</p> <p>Grammar - to learn how to use sentences with different forms: statement, question, exclamation, command and punctuate them using capital letters, full stops, question and exclamation marks.</p> <p>Poetry - to recite and compose poems.</p> <p>Writing – to develop pleasure in reading. Exploring stories with familiar settings and traditional tales. Some of our literacy this term will be based around our topic of “Tiaras and Turrets” with different opportunities for writing.</p> <p>Reading - The children will be encouraged to read a variety of books for pleasure. They will re-read these books to build up their fluency and confidence in word reading. They will practise reading aloud accurately through Choral and Guided Reading sessions.</p> <p>Phonics – Daily phonics sessions will continue, focusing on spelling unfamiliar words and recognising correct spelling choices.</p>
<p>Maths: Please note that the Calculation Policy is in the Home and School Diary –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place value, ordering of numbers, partitioning numbers into tens and ones Reading scales Addition (+) and subtraction (-), developing mental strategies Solving simple money problems Solving measure problems Properties of 2D and 3D shapes. <p>At home, parents can support their children with the learning of number bonds to 5, 10 and 20 as well as counting in 2s, 3s, 5s, and 10s.</p>	<p>Science:</p> <p>Everyday Materials: Children will identify and compare the uses of a variety of everyday materials. They will find out how shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.</p>

<p>Computing: To support the computing curriculum, the children will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Become confident in using an iPad to take photographs and recordings. • Become confident in how to use technology safely. <p>Online safety: This forms an integral basis of all the computing learning in Year 2. The children will be taught how to stay safe when using the internet by keeping their personal information to themselves.</p>	<p>PE All Year 2 children will have two PE lessons per week, one indoor and one outdoor lesson. The pupils will participate in gymnastics and dance during PE sessions this term.</p> <p>Games sessions will include a rota of outdoor invasion games skills and indoor games that develop the children's ability to travel safely with increasing control.</p>
<p>Creative Curriculum: (including the key skills in geography, history, art and DT)</p> <p>'Tiaras and Turrets' - During the first half term our Creative Curriculum topic will allow the children to explore famous British Kings and Queens and how their lives differ from ours. We will be exploring different castles from around the world and will study royal portraits to learn about the techniques used by different artists. As a particular focus we will learn about the lives of Queen Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria. We will celebrate our topic with a medieval banquet and explore a number of castles virtually.</p> <p>'London' - Our second topic this term will have a geography focus. We will be using maps and atlases to learn about the capital city. The children will learn about the history of London making comparisons to today. We will be exploring significant events and people. The children will design and make London landmarks.</p>	
<p>Music: In the Autumn Term, Year 2 learning will be focused around the song 'Hands, feet, heart'. The song represents an integrated approach to music where games, elements of music, singing and playing instruments are all linked. The children will also learn traditional Christmas carols and hymns for the Year 2 Nativity.</p>	

Miscellaneous:

Please could you ensure your child brings all that is needed to school each day. Every child should be encouraged to read daily to an adult and enjoy a wide variety of texts at home and if possible, visit the local library. They should also practise their number bonds to 10, 20 and 100. Please check the Home and School Diary to confirm tasks that have been set during the week and ensure your child returns their work promptly so that it can be marked and feedback given. **Later this term the children will take part in the St. Joseph's Reading Race with a new set of texts for Year 2. The first book will be read as a class reader.**

We also encourage you to set some time aside each week to pray together as a family.

Times of **PE** sessions are recorded in the Home and School Diary. Please could you make sure that your child has their correct PE kit in school on the appropriate day (including trainers), **clearly marked with their name**. May we also take this opportunity to remind parents that for health and safety reasons, **no jewellery can be worn during PE lessons** and those children who use inhalers must have them in school.

We are looking forward to beginning our work with you and your child during the coming term. If you have any questions or concerns before the Parent Consultation Meeting, please use the Home and School Diary to make an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher or Year Leader, or alternatively make an appointment through the main school office.

Thank you for your support and involvement in your child's learning.

Yours sincerely,

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