## Year 2

## Curriculum Newsletter

## Autumn Term

Our Lady & St. Joseph Primary School

**History:** We will focus on British Values and learn about countries and capitals of the UK. We will share family stories and make individual family trees. We will also learn about a range of British Artists and create pieces of work inspired by these artists.

**Geography:** We will continue to secure our knowledge of the continents.We will use basic geographical vocabulary to compare the physical and human features of geography.

**ICT:** We will use the ICT suite and iPad’s for cross-curricular learning. We will research topics and learn to present findings in a variety of ways.

Monday

Homework due back.

New spellings brought home.

PE

Tuesday

Reading books are changed.

Wednesday

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Thursday

Reading books are changed.

Whole class music lesson with Miss Dyer.

New homework is set.

Friday

Weekly spelling test.

Weekly Timetable

Dear Parents and Carers,

My name is Claire Walshe and I am delighted to be teaching your children this year! It is a very busy year for Year 2 children as they prepare for their SATs, and to move to KS2. We are covering lots of exciting topics this term, and I am looking forward to seeing the fantastic work each pupil produces.

You continued support at home is invaluable to help your child’s progression this year. Please encourage your child to read a wide variety of texts at home, including fiction and non- fiction. We will be doing lots of practice ourselves, but any practice at home on times tables and number bonds to 20 would be very beneficial, as well as helping them to read time and recognise different coins.

Many thanks, Claire Walshe.

**Literacy:** We will be focusing on fiction, non-fiction and poetry. We will use stories using familiar settings to plan, re-tell and personalise/ change stories using a range of punctuation and descriptive sentences. We will also explore postcard and letter writing. Phonics and guided reading sessions will occur daily to help children in their spelling and comprehension. I will be encouraging the children to use their voice in a range of activities (role-play, hot seating, conscience alley) and in presenting their work/ thoughts to the class.

**Numeracy:** We will focus on ensuring key skills are in place to begin the year well. This will mean securing our number sense and place value. We will use numbers bonds, number words and counting in 2’s, 5’s and 10’s to add and subtract numbers, and use the number square and number lines. We will be using real life situations to help children become confident with money, time and shape. Children will also have weekly mental maths lesson to improve their mental skills.

**Religious Education:** We are covering a variety of topics this term, starting by focusing on the “Domestic Church-Family” and then “Signs and Symbols in Baptism” and finally “Advent; preparing to celebrate Christmas”.

**Science:** We will learn about animals including humans. We will also learn to identify and compare the suitability of everyday materials.

A Warm Welcome to Year 2!

