



Our Lady and St. Joseph Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term- Year 2



A warm welcome to Year Two! We hope you had an enjoyable summer break and I look forward to helping children build on their successes from Year One. Please see below for an outline of this term's curriculum.

	English	We will be focusing on fiction, non-fiction and poetry. We will plan, retell and edit our stories using a range of punctuation and different sentence types. Building children's stamina in writing and improving their ability to check their work are key focuses. We will continue to read daily and consolidate our knowledge of Phonics and all the Helpful Words (high frequency words) from our phonics scheme 'Floppy's Phonics'. Please ensure children bring their Reading Records daily and adults sign or comment to show each book has been read at home.
	Maths	This term we will be working on place value, addition & subtraction and shape. We will begin the year securing our understanding of number and place value. For example, we will recognise there are 7 tens and 5 ones in the number 75. We will use number bonds and count in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s to help us add and subtract.
	R.E / R.S.E.	We are covering a variety of Catholic topics including 'Domestic Church – Family', 'Signs and Symbols in Baptism' and 'Advent: Preparing to celebrate Christmas. We will also study Judaism. In RSE, we will be using the scheme 'TenTen' to help us explore the topics 'Me, My Body, My Health', 'Emotional Wellbeing' & 'Life cycles'.
	Science	This term, our topic is 'Animals Including Humans'. We will learn the basic needs of animals for survival, we will note that animals have offspring that grow into adults and we'll learn the life cycles of different animals. We will also describe the importance of exercise, hygiene and different types of food.
	History / Geography	In geography, we will build on our knowledge of the continents and look closer to home by exploring our local area. In history, we will be learning about our local heroes, including London's David Attenborough, Suffragette Emily Davison and the rich history that Hackney has to offer, including the sculpture by Veronica Ryan to commemorate the Windrush Generation. We will also be celebrating Black History Month across the curriculum.
	Art / D.T.	In Art, when painting, we will be revising primary and secondary colours, and moving onto tints, tones and shades. When drawing, we will practice techniques that explore pattern and tone including hatching and cross hatching and doing observational drawings inspired by the artist and sculptor Veronica Ryan.
	P.E.	This term, Year Two will be focusing on invasion games and dance.
	Music	This term, Year Two will be making and creating rhythms with a focus on group composition.
	Computing	Computing lessons will take place in the Spring and Summer Term.
	Spanish	This term, Year Two will be enjoying Spanish songs to help them count. They will also learn simple greetings.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Home Learning due in. - Please bring your Reading Record in. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PE. Come into school in PE kit. - Please bring your Reading Record in. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please bring your Reading Record in. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Home Learning is given out and due back on Monday. - Please bring your Reading Record in. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New reading books and library books given. Please bring your old library and reading books, and Reading Record if you haven't already, to get new books. - Spelling test and new spellings given out.

Please ensure children bring their Reading Records in each day so they can be signed for supported reading. On Thursday, they should be handed in and kept so books can be changed and handed out on Friday. Please ensure the Reading Records are signed each week. I look forward to working with you and appreciate your support at home with your child's learning. For more information throughout the year, please see Class Dojo.

Many thanks for your continued support,
Ms Cahill