



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. We look forward to helping the 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 stamina in writing and getting children to check their work are key focuses. We will continue to read with the children 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 in 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.	In RE we will be covering the first two branches of the curriculum, 'Creation and Covenant' and 'Prophecy and Promise'. 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 learn about the world with our topic 'Continents and Oceans' where we will be answering the question 'What makes our World Wonderful?'. In history, we will be learning about the emergency services answering the enquiry question 'How has the work of people that help us change over time?'. We will also be celebrating Black History Month across the curriculum.
	Art / D.T.	In Art, we will be revising primary and secondary colours using paint, 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 artist and sculptor Veronica Ryan. In DT, our topic will be 'Mechanisms': looking at movement of wheels and axles and making a 3D car
	P.E.	Children will begin with 'invasion games', developing passing, movement and teamwork. They will then move onto gymnastics, developing balance, coordination and control.
	Music	Children will be expanding their knowledge of the building blocks of music through singing, listening, and playing instruments. They will have opportunities to perform in front of and lead their peers. In the second half of the term we will also be learning songs for our Christmas performance.
	Computing	Computing lessons will take place in the Spring and Summer Term.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
- Home Learning due in. -Please bring in your old reading books and Reading Record to get new books.	- PE. Come into school in your PE kit. - New reading books given out.	Library morning	- Home Learning is given out and due back on Monday. - Music with Ms Kari	- 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 Monday, they should be handed in and kept so books can be changed and handed out on Tuesday. Please ensure the Reading Records are signed each week. We 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 Scarpini and Ms Harries