

ST. TERESA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WELCOME TO YEAR 2

“DO THE LITTLE THINGS WELL”



Dear Parents/ Carers/ Children,

Welcome to Year 2.

CURRICULUM:

London's Burning! Fire, fire! We start the year off with our history topic on the Great Fire of London in 1666. In this exciting topic the children will be writing diaries in the style of Samuel Pepy's and finding information about this historical event. The overall theme for the second half term is 'Who's Afraid of the Dark. The children will be learning all about owls. In Literacy we will be reading 'The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark'. Our first Science topic is Uses of Materials and we will be exploring the suitability of different materials. Would a teapot melt if it was made of chocolate? How can we find out? The second Science topic is Feeding and Exercise. Our R.E. topics from the 'Come and See' scheme are Beginnings, Signs and Symbols and Preparations. This term we will be inviting Grandparents into school and this is a great occasion for the children to share the things they do in school.

TARGETS FOR THIS TERM

These are in the children's books and copies will be shared with you at the October Parents' evening.

HOMEWORK:

Thank you for your brilliant support with the holiday homework tasks. It was lovely to read your work and we look forward to your continuing support this term.

Children who read five times a week will be rewarded with a sticker in their personal organiser.

We will have a weekly spelling test on Monday. Your child's spellings will be in their organisers. Children receive a sticker for getting nine or ten spellings correct. These stickers are so important as it helps your child to achieve their bronze awards.

In the Autumn term the children will be tested on spellings from the first 100 words

Homework will be given out on a Friday and must be returned by the following Wednesday.

Children may also be given tasks related to other subjects to complete at home.

P.E:

Our main P.E. session is on Monday afternoon. This term we will be covering Dance and Gymnastics. **Please check that every item of P.E. kit is marked with your child's name. If necessary staff will label with a marker.**

READING SUPPORT:

The children really love reading and sharing their books with visitors. We are always looking for new volunteers in school so please let us know if you can spare any time. We also welcome Grandparents!

Key Dates:

21st September- Grandparents' Day on Friday. All Grandparents are welcome to join in our lessons from 9.10am until 9.45am.

21st September – Grandparents Assembly 10 o'clock

26th September YR2 Reading workshop

23rd October Choral Speaking KS1

21st November- Stargazing

23rd November – Parish Bazar

11th December – Pantomime trip

13th December – YR2 Christmas Play

UNIFORM:

The children have come back to school looking really smart and we would like this to continue through the year. Please ensure your child only wears brown or black hair bands/clips/bobbles in their hair. Remember no **earrings or fashion hair styles. Your child will miss playtimes and will not be allowed to go on school visits or represent the school in any competitions until their hair has grown back.** Can you make sure they have the correct P.E. kit in school ready for the exciting lessons we have planned.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Please support your child by reading with them on a daily basis and helping them with their spellings, and first 100 words which are listed in the yellow reading organisers. Please practice number bonds to 10 and the 10 times tables. Talk to your child about their day and regularly check their organiser for messages. You could visit your local library for books related to our topics.

We are looking forward to working with you to support your child during this busy and important year in their lives. Please avoid taking holidays during term time wherever possible as it is very difficult for the children to catch up on the work they have missed.

Please contact us if you have any concerns or worries.

Year 2 team

Mrs James

Miss Brittle

Miss Sansom

Mrs Watts