

ST. TERESA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Year 2 Newsletter



St Teresa's
Catholic Primary School

“DO THE LITTLE THINGS WELL”

Dear Parents/ Carers/ Children,

Welcome back

CURRICULUM:

We start the term off with our topic ‘Do you like to be beside the seaside?’ In this exciting topic the children will be reading and writing about ‘The Lighthouse Keeper’s Lunch’. They will retell stories and have the opportunity to redraft their work as well as describe characters and settings. The children will be finding out about different seaside holidays around the world and Victorian seaside holidays. The overall theme for the second half term is ‘Can you solve the rabbits’ problems?’. The children will be learning all about the story of ‘Peter Rabbit’ and ‘The Rabbit’s problem’. We will find out about rabbits and where they like to live. Our first Science topic is ‘Habitats’ and we will be learning about where different living things choose to live and why. Our second topic is ‘Feeding and exercise’ and we will be exploring what living things need to grow and be healthy.

This term we have lots of exciting events planned for the children. We will have an ‘seaside themed’ WOW day in the first half of the term and an exciting trip to a wildlife park (details to be confirmed). Our Wollaton Park Camp is on 7th June so we will be sending out lots of information regarding details of the trip and kit lists etc very soon. **Please see the list of dates at the end of our letter for key events this term to avoid missing out on these wonderful opportunities.**

END OF KEY STAGE ASSESSMENTS:

Throughout May, the children will be completing their end of key stage one assessments in small groups. We will not be putting the children under any stress or pressure but we will be encouraging the children to do their best to show off how much they have progressed this year. Please continue to do usual homework, reading and maths skills at home with your children to keep them prepared. It is also important that the children are not absent during this time where possible as this limits the time spent on their assessments.

HOMEWORK:

Thank you for your support with homework tasks. It was lovely to read your child’s diary and we look forward to your continuing support this term.

Children who read a minimum of 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 are in their organiser.

Each term the children will be tested on spelling the first 100 and next 200 words. Please revise these throughout the year.

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. This term we will be mainly outside **Please check that every item of P.E.**

kit is marked with your child's name. If necessary staff will label with a marker. PE kit is a white T shirt with plain black shorts (black joggers if cold) and black plimsoles.

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!

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 fashion hair styles** and no earrings. As the weather gets warmer, girls can wear yellow checked summer dresses with white socks. Boys can wear grey shorts in the warmer months too. Also can you make sure they have the correct P.E. kit in school ready for the exciting lessons we have planned.

BOYS' HAIR:

Please make sure that boys' hair is no shorter than a grade 2. It must be the same length around the whole head. Boys are not allowed a faded hair style with short back and sides and long on top. In line with our governor's policy, they will have to miss their play time and will not be able to represent the school in extra activities/trips until faded styles have grown out. Thank you for your continued cooperation with this.

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. The children will get a sticker for their personal organiser if they read at least 5 times a week at home! Please practice number bonds and 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. Encourage your children to go onto Athletics as much as possible to earn points. This is a fantastic way to develop your child's mathematical skills. If possible can you provide your child with an old shirt which they can use to protect their clothing during art and DT. 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 16th April – Year 2 Wollaton camp payment deadline – **Late payments cannot be accepted**
Thursday 19th April – Day of the Eucharist
Friday 20th April – Year 1 and 2 Seaside WOW day (further details to be confirmed)
Monday 30th April – Yorkshire wildlife park (letter to follow)
Friday 25th May – Fitness Friday, PTA coffee morning, Break up for half term
Monday 4th June – Return to school
Thursday 7th June – Wollaton Camp
Tuesday 26th/Wednesday 27th June – One life
Friday 6th July – Summer fayre
Monday 16th July – Key stage 1 sports day (time to be confirmed)
Wednesday 18th July – KS1 end of year assembly
Friday 20th July – Fitness Friday, Break up for Summer holidays

Please contact us if you have any concerns or worries.

Year 2 team

Miss Brittle Mrs James

