



AUTUMN NEWS

DO THE LITTLE THINGS WELL.

Dear
Parents/Carers/Children,

Welcome to Year Two.



RE

Our RE topics from the Come and See scheme are Beginnings, Signs and Symbols and Preparations. The focus will be on Baptism in the first half-term and we will prepare for Christmas during the season of Advent in the second half term. We will be reading scripture, writing prayers and psalms.

CURRICULUM

We start the year off with our topic 'Beside the Seaside.' In this exciting topic we will be finding out about living near the sea. Our first book is called Katie Morag Delivers the Mail and our second book is The Secret of Black Rock. The children will be writing descriptions of setting and characters. They will make predictions, retell parts of the story and have the opportunity to redraft their work. In Geography we will be finding out about the physical and human features of the seaside, tourism and the RNLI. In the second half term the children will be using their locational knowledge to name and locate the seven continents of the world. In Literacy we will be reading Meerkat Mail and discovering what it would be like to live in the hot dusty desert.



Our first Science topic is Habitats and we will be learning how a habitat provides the basic needs for plants and animals. Our second Science topic is Feeding and Exercise and we will learn about the life cycles of animals including humans.

TARGETS FOR THIS TERM

These are in the children's books and we have included this terms knowledge organisers for Science and Geography in this newsletter.

LIFE TO THE FULL

Life to the Full is a programme in Relationships and Health Education for Catholic primary schools in the UK. This term the children will complete four units, Let the children come, Clean and Healthy, Super Susie gets angry and The Cycle of Life. In these units, children will learn about the different emotions we experience at different times of our life. They will also learn the importance of keeping clean and healthy. We will be teaching the children how to clean their teeth and follow a healthy diet.

HOMEWORK

We have a major focus on reading and recommend that your child reads at least five times a week. This consistency in reading will have a huge impact on your child's ability to understand text and read with fluency. We use a website called Reading Eggs and the password can be found in the yellow organiser. It is a fun and engaging way for your child to move forward in their reading. Children who read a minimum of five times a week will be rewarded with a sticker.

We will have a weekly spelling test every Monday and spellings are in the organiser. Children are regularly tested on spelling common high frequency words and the first 100 words which are in the yellow organiser. Please revise these throughout the year. Homework will be given out on a Friday and must be returned by the following Wednesday so it can be marked. Children may also be given tasks related to other subjects.

PE

Our main P.E. session is on Monday. This term we will be doing Fundamentals of Movement and Irish Dancing. Your child will come to school in their P.E. kit. They need to wear black jogging bottoms/shorts, a white t-shirt and trainers. They can wear their school jumper over this for warmth.

EVENTS:

15th September - School Photographs (portraits)
20th September - YR2 Reading Workshop
21st September - YR2/YR6 Cake Sale
28th September - Rushcliffe Country Park
13th October - Wow Day!
18th October - Choral Speaking
14th December - 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 fashion hair styles and no earrings.

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 and 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. 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.

Please contact us if you have any concerns or worries.



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