



# SPRING NEWS

## Events:

### January

17th — Maths workshop

### February

1st—Cake Sale

5th February—Chinese  
New Year Celebrations

6th— Safer Internet  
Day

7th—Women in Science  
day

9th—Inset day

**12th—18th—Half Term**

**19th—Back to school**

19th— LENT Fundraising  
starts

29th—LENT retreat day

### March

5th—6th—Parents  
Evening

7th—World Book Day

22nd—French Friday

25th—Stations of the  
Cross

27th—Choral Speaking

**28th—End of term**

### April

15th—Back to school

## DO THE LITTLE THINGS WELL.

### WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

We hope you had relaxing Christmas break with your families and are looking forward to the new term.

### Maths

We are holding a maths workshop on Wednesday 17th January. This will be an opportunity to see what your children do during our daily maths lessons.

In Maths we start the term by focusing on money. The children will also be learning about multiplication and division as well as their daily arithmetic. Maths homework will be taken from what has been taught in school that week.

Ask your children to tell you what the fact of the week is or the times tables fact of the week!



### RE

The first RE topic of the Spring term is Books, where the children will learn about the different parts of the Bible. Our other topics are Thanksgiving and Opportunities. In these topics we will help children to build up to Lent and the Easter story.

### RSHE—Life to the Full

In our Life to the Full lessons we will be learning about the story of 'The Prodigal Son' and how this shows us that God loves us and that nothing we can do will stop Him from loving us. Children will also be learning about how our behaviour can not only upset other people, but it can hurt God too.

### UNIFORM:

Thank you for labelling your child's clothes with their name. 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. PE kit is now worn on Mondays with a school cardigan or jumper for warmth.

### PE

Our PE day will be a Monday. Children must come into school wearing their PE kit each week.





Reading Eggs  
Times Tables  
Rockstars (TTRS)  
Numberbots &  
Mathletics

Please remember to log on to these websites as often as you can.

Encourage your child to go onto Mathletics and Rockstar Maths as much as possible to earn points.



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### Topics this term

We start the Spring Term off with our Literacy topic 'What would an alien think of planet Earth?'. The children will be learning all about space travel and astronauts. In Literacy we will be reading a book called 'Man on the Moon'. In this exciting topic the children will be reading and writing about 'Man on the Moon' and the many heroic tasks he performs.

The children will retell and write alternative endings to this very exciting story book. They will have the opportunity to redraft their work, as well as describe characters and settings.. After the half term break, we will be reading 'The Baker's Boy and The Great Fire of London'. We have started to learn by heart our class poem to perform at the end of the term for choral speaking.

### Science

Our first Science topic is 'Changing Shape'. Children will carry out simple tests and plan their own experiments. Our second topic will be 'Uses of Materials' and we will investigate why a material might or might not be used for a specific job.

### P.E.

Our main P.E. session is on a **Monday**. We will be doing gymnastics then multi-skills. Children need to come to school in P.E. kit, with their school jumper or cardigan. The children will also take part in extra fitness activities in Irish Dancing.

### Homework

Thank you for your support with homework tasks. It is important that children write their sentences from their weekly spellings. We enjoy reading their work and look forward to your continued support with this. 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 a Monday**. Your child's spellings are in their organiser. It is important that children spend time at the end of each day reading and learning their spellings. Stickers will be given for getting **ten spellings correct**. Each term the children will be tested on spelling the first 100 and next 200 words. Please revise these throughout the year. We aim for all children to receive their Bronze, Silver and Gold award. There is also the opportunity to achieve a Platinum award at the end of the year. Homework will be given out on a **Friday** and must be returned by the following **Wednesday**.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Remember to read at least five times a week and learn the weekly spellings. We cannot stress enough, how important it is to read with your child every day. It is a skill they will need throughout life. 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 feel free to talk to us if you have any concerns or worries.**

### Year Two Team

May we thank you in advance for your support and we look forward to a very successful spring term.

Mrs James, Miss Ball, Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Watts

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