



# AUTUMN NEWS

## DO THE LITTLE THINGS WELL.



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Parents/Carers/Children,

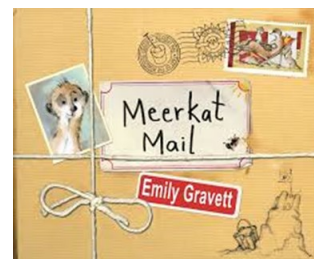
Welcome to Year Two.

### 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 the setting and the 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 are in the children's class books and we have included, in this newsletter, this term's knowledge organisers for Science and Geography.

### 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 home 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. Each week, children will be given a school library book to read for pleasure, along with their assigned school reading book. Those who read their school reading book at least five times a week will earn a sticker as a reward.

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 a Tuesday. This term we will be doing Fundamentals of Movement. 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:

Wednesday 18th September 2:40pm - Year 2 Meet the Teacher Workshop

Friday 27th September - Year 2 Seaside Wow Day!

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd October 3:30-6pm - Parents Evening

Thursday 3rd October— Cake Sale (raising money for Missio)

Friday 11th October - Year 2 Rushcliffe Country Park Trip

Wednesday 16th October 9:15am —Year 2 and 3 Choral Speaking

Friday 18th October—School Closes for Half Term Holiday.

Monday 4th November—School re-opens

Thursday 14th November— School Photographs (individual and siblings)

Friday 15th November—Children in Need Day

Wednesday 20th November —Grandparents Day

Thursday 12th December 9:15am - Year 2 Christmas Assembly

Monday 16th December—Year 2 Christmas Panto at Nottingham Playhouse

Thursday 19th December —Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

Friday 20th December— School Closes for Christmas Holiday.

## 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.

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 Two Team,

Miss Ball      Miss Baguley      Mrs James      Mrs Reynolds      Mrs Liu