



SPRING NEWS

Events:

January

15th 2:30pm — Year Two Maths workshop
21st 9:30—Year Two's New Year Mass in School
28th—Astronaut WOW day
30th—Cake Sale

February

11th— Safer Internet Day
13th—School Closes for Half Term
14th—Trust Inset day
24th—**Back to school**
24th— LENT Fundraising starts

March

4th—5th—Parents Evening
6th—World Book Day
10th—British Science Week
24th March —Great Fire of London Workshop
21st—French Friday
21st 9:30—Lent Mass in School
31st—Stations of the Cross

April

2nd— Year 2 and 3—Choral Speaking
4th—School Closes for Easter
22nd—School re-opens for Summer Term

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. 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. PE kit is now worn on Tuesdays with a school cardigan or jumper for warmth.

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 15th of 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.

PE

Our PE day will be a Tuesday. Children must come into school wearing their PE kit each week. We will be doing gymnastics then multi-skills.





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 TT 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.

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. 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 starting chapter books now in guided reading sessions so your child will bring this book home every other week. Therefore on the alternate week your child will be given an accelerated reading book which will replace the school library book previously given. In addition to this book pupils will need to log onto the accelerated reading website where they will complete a short quiz about the book that they have read. Pupils login details are at the back of their organisers.

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.

Miss Ball, Miss Baguley, Mrs James and the Year Two Team

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