



St Teresa's
Catholic Primary School

Year Two

AUTUMN NEWS

“DO THE LITTLE THINGS WELL”

Dear Parents/ Carers/ Children,

Welcome to Year Two!

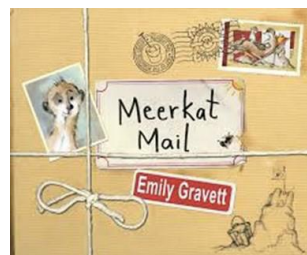
We are so pleased to welcome the children into Year Two. We hope they feel refreshed and ready to take on the challenges of Year 2. We have lots of exciting lessons planned and we are looking forward to a great year!



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 seaside and we will be learning about our closest seaside resort, Skegness. 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 RSHE 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 their school guided reading book 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 also be given a school library book to read for pleasure, along with their assigned Little Wandle guided reading book. Those who read their school reading book at least five times a week will earn a sticker as a reward each week.

We will have a weekly spelling test every **Monday** and spellings are in the yellow organiser. Children are regularly tested on spelling common high frequency words and the first 100 words which are also in the 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. This Term, your child should be working towards their bronze award.

P.E:

Our main **P.E. session is on a Tuesday**. Your child will come to school in their P.E. kit. This term children will be taking part in Stick Fit sessions and learning about the Fundamentals of Movement and Ball Skills. They need to wear black jogging bottoms/leggings, a white t-shirt and trainers. They can wear their school jumper/cardigan over this for warmth.

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. Please label **all** pieces of clothing so that items don't get lost.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Encourage your child to reads their school book at least five times a week and learns the weekly spellings.
- Make sure your child logs onto and regularly uses Reading Eggs. It is such a valuable resource and a great way to expand vocabulary and build confidence.
- Encourage your child to go onto Mathletics and Times Table Rockstars (TTRS) Maths as much as possible to earn points. This is a fantastic way to develop your child's mathematical skills.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<u>Autumn 1 Term</u>	<u>Autumn 2 Term</u>
Thursday 11 th September - First school Mass of the year, 9.30am, school hall. All welcome.	Monday 3 rd November - School re-opens.
Thursday 11 th September – Whole school E-safety parents' workshop, 2.30pm, school hall. All parents welcome.	Monday 10 th to Friday 14 th November - Whole school anti-bullying week. Theme is 'Power for Good'.
Thursday 11 th September - Year 2 Meet the Teacher 2:40pm	Tuesday 11 th November - Whole school Remembrance Day/Peace Day in school.
Tuesday 23 rd September – Parents evening, 3.30-6.00pm	Thursday 14 th November – Individual and sibling photographs.
Wednesday 24 th September – Parents evening, 3.30-6.00pm	Friday 21 st November - Children in Need, please bring £1.
Wednesday 1 st October – St Teresa's Day Mass in Church. 11.00am. All welcome.	Monday 17 th to Friday 21 st November - whole school Other Faith Week
Thursday 2 nd October – Whole school cake sale organised by Year 3 & Year 6. Cake donations gratefully received on Wednesday 18 th October. All children to bring £1 to buy cakes.	Wednesday 19 th November - Year 2 Grandparents Day, 9.00am-10.30am. Meet in the school reception.
Wednesday 15 th - Year 2 and Year 3 Choral Speaking at 9.15am – School Hall	Friday 28 th November – Cereal Boxes for Reverse advent calendar.
Friday 17th – School closes for half term	Monday 1 st December – Reverse Advent Calendar starts

	Thursday 4 th December - ADVENT Mass and retreat day in school at 9.30am. All welcome.
	Wednesday 17 th December – Year 2 Christmas Play at 9:15am
	Thursday 18 th December - School Christmas Dinner/ Christmas jumper day.
	Friday 19 th December – Whole school Fitness Friday, Non-uniform day
	Friday 19th December – School closes for Christmas

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

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