



St Aidan's Catholic Primary School

Living and Growing in Christ

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Year 2 Autumn Term Curriculum Letter

Dear Year 2 Parents,

Welcome back to school for the autumn term; I hope everyone enjoyed the summer break and are ready to get back to a bit more or normality. I hope your children have enjoyed their first few days in class and will continue to do so over the coming year. I greatly look forward to getting to know all of them

Below I have outlined some of the key information for life in Year 2.

Classroom organisation:

As usual children should have a named **water** bottle in school.

PE will be on Mondays and Fridays this term. We hope to try and get outside while we can so children will need kit suitable for in and outdoors. Please be reminded that PE is navy shorts, a light blue t-shirt and plimsolls and for outdoor games a navy tracksuit and trainers.

Homework and spellings:

Reading- Please encourage your child to read for a short time every day. This is vitally important in Year 2 as regular reading helps children to build confidence and fluency. Books will be changed when your child has completed his/her book. Please remember to sign/comment in their reading record after they have read at home, making special note if they have finished the book.

Google classroom- Spelling lists, a maths sheet and extra optional homework tasks will be uploaded on a Friday for completion by the following Wednesday (Maths) and Friday (spelling test). Please copy these words out and practise saying/writing them in a sentence. Please let me know if you have any trouble accessing these tasks.

Times tables- As you are no doubt aware, it is vital that the children begin to learn their times tables. Please could you assist your child with the learning of their times tables, beginning with their 2x, 5x and 10x, then preceding from there with the rest.

Staffing:

Mrs Cecil (TA) and I both work in Year 2 Monday-Friday. Mr Skehan will also teach Year 2 on Thursday afternoons, we will also have Mrs McCarthy in the mornings to help support the children.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries. Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Esparon (Class teacher)



<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Science</u></p> <p>We will begin learning about plants, the life cycle of a plant, how different plants grow and plants that we grow to eat (fruit, grains, vegetables). We will look at the flowers and trees growing in our local area. After half term we learn about the uses of everyday materials, comparing suitability of materials for different purposes, how materials change shape and the recycling process. Please see attached knowledge organisers.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>RE</u></p> <p>Beginning (family) God was there at the beginning of the world and new beginnings in our lives. Signs and symbols (baptism) the significance of the water, oil of chrism, garments and candle. Preparations (advent), the Annunciation and Visitation and how we prepare for Christmas.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Other Faith</u></p> <p>We will be specifically learning about shabbat. The day on which Jews remember the seventh day of creation on which God rested.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SRE</u></p> <p>We will be looking at what makes us unique and special in Gods eyes. The children will explore in what ways we are similar and different and the importance of staying healthy.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>English</u></p> <p>We are focussing on narrative writing, using stimulating and engaging texts (Grandad’s Island, Little Red Reading Hood and Meerkat Christmas) to write our own adventure stories and traditional tales with a twist. We will then link non-fiction writing to our topic to write instructions and end the term using film to inspire our writing. We will be recapping learning new spelling rules and completing grammar and comprehension activities.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>History</u></p> <p>The history of flight, linking in exploration of the lives of famous people such as The Wright Brothers, Amelia Earhart, Amy Johnson and Neil Armstrong. (The Montgolfier brothers and the story of Icarus). We will learn how flight changed as a result of the Wright Brothers’ work and about some of the important women and black people in flight. We will use sources of evidence to learn about the first man on the moon. Please see attached knowledge organiser.</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p style="text-align: center;"><u>THE HISTORY OF FLIGHT</u></p> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PE/Games</u></p> <p>Lessons on a Monday with Coach T will focus on performing a range of rolling, throwing, striking, kicking, catching and gathering skills, with control. They vary skills and show some understanding of simple tactics as well as choose and use tactics to suit different situations and react to situations in a way that helps their partners and makes it difficult for their opponents.</p> <p>The children will also practise balancing, rolling, jumping and building sequences of movements in gymnastics followed by A Guy Fawkes inspired dance topic after half term on Fridays.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DT/Art</u></p> <p>We will complete pieces of art linked to our topic with a focus on colour, line and tone. We will use different media for effect, such as painting self- portraits, oil pastel life art and photography for remembrance.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Computing</u></p> <p>We will be practising our word processing skills including typing, editing and copy and paste to present facts linked to our History. We will discuss internet safety as we research and select facts.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Maths</u></p> <p>We begin with understanding of number, placing and ordering 2-digit numbers, learning the value of the digits. Addition and subtraction strategies, introducing multiplication and division, number problems and number facts.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Outdoor Learning</u></p> <p>We will be using the outdoor space to support learning in all curriculum subjects.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Music</u></p> <p>We will be singing and learning about the life and works of the composer John Williams.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PSHCE</u></p> <p>We will continue to run the Votes for Schools scheme, which covers a variety of topics.</p>