



Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School

Year 2 Class Newsletter Summer 2017

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Dear Parents

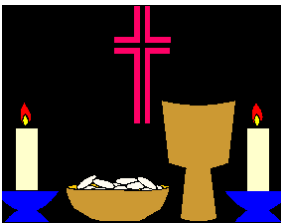
I hope you all had a good break at Easter. Now we have another busy term ahead. Thank you for continuing to support your child's work at school by encouraging homework activities. This letter explains some of the key learning for the term.

Religious Education

During this term Year 2 will be learning stories about Easter, especially the resurrection of Jesus and the appearances to His disciples. They will also be looking at the important symbols used during the Easter Season and explaining their significance.



The children will be finding out more about Pentecost which will focus upon the understanding of how and why the disciples changed through the gifts of the Holy Spirit. More importantly, they will develop their understanding of the role of the Holy Spirit in their lives today.



This term Year 2 will also be learning more about the Mass as a preparation for the next year's Sacramental preparations.

Please support your child to become more involved in Sunday Masses.

Father Craig would love to see you at any of the Masses during the weekend at Our Lady of Fatima Church.

English

Writing:

Please encourage clear, neat handwriting in all homework tasks. All children are learning the basic handwriting joins and many will be joining in all their work towards the end of this half term. Children should

now be using capital letter and full stops **all the time** and checking their work carefully. Talking and practising using ambitious vocabulary will help greatly with written work in class.

Reading

In lessons Year 2 will continue to focus on inference and deduction: reading between the lines and finding an answer which is not explicit within the text.

They will also be discussing a writer's purpose and the effects of a text by explaining what a writer is trying to achieve by choosing certain words and sentences, why a writer has set out/ordered a text in a particular way and sharing their own feelings as to how the text has an effect on them as a reader.

Fluency and expression are key skills which will be monitored when the children are reading. There will still be a focus on the children's understanding of a range of texts.



Your child will bring a reading book home each evening with a "Free Choice Friday" book at weekends. It is vital that your child reads **every** night at home and their reading diary is **signed** (even when they are free reading). Please set aside time to discuss with your child what they have read to aid their understanding. Please also encourage your child to share their ideas and use the text to support their answers.

Your child will continue to bring home a library book. Books will be changed every Wednesday. Year 2 are looking at non-fiction texts, therefore they will be guided and encouraged to choose a book from this section of the library.

Spelling



Your child will be given spellings as part of their homework. We test spellings in "Dictation" lessons on Wednesdays and usually have a spelling test on Fridays.

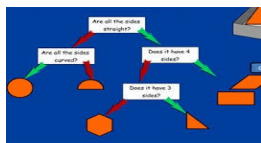


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Mathematics



This term Year 2 will be covering the following areas: Arithmetic—calculation methods in addition, subtraction, multiplication and

division including fractions of numbers.

Real life problem solving- money, making decisions and checking results,.

Measures—estimating, comparing and measuring capacity , time and solving problems related to these.

Shape and space—sorting 2D and 3D shapes, reasoning about shape, angles (in particular right angles but also: obtuse, acute and reflex angles.)

The children will be learning about time including key times of their day e.g. what time we wake up, playtime, lunchtime, home time etc., seasons and months of the year as well as telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes.

It would be most beneficial if you could look at analogue clocks with your children and comment on



the time, or even better, if they can tell you the time.

To help the children with the concept of time we have played different games such as: estimating how long a minute is, how many.... they can do in one minute, and speaking about a chosen topic for five minutes.

Science



The main topic for this term is: “**Plants**” but Year 2 will also be completing work on “**Grouping and changing materials**”.

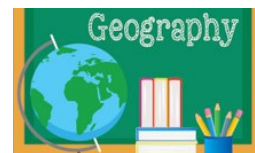
This is a perfect season for investigating the growth of plants from seeds. They will be growing their own vegetables in their own class raised bed, noticing the changes and hopefully reaping the rewards! Please encourage your child to notice and begin to name common plants in the environment.

Computing

Children will be taught discrete ICT skills in the Suite twice a week. They will focus on computing skills: collecting and sorting information and continuing to discuss and address E-Safety issues to help the children use the internet in a safe way, but also to educate them to know what to do if an issue arises.

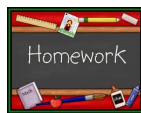
Creative Curriculum

This term the school topic is : Our Environment with a focus on Geography.



Year 2 will continue to explore maps of our local area and think of ways of improving our area. A visit to Lightwoods Park at the end of May is planned.

Homework



Homework will continue to be sent out on a **Friday** and collected on the following **Thursday**.

Please continue to encourage your child to complete their homework to the highest standard, taking pride in their presentation and using a sharp pencil to complete tasks.

PE

Year 2 will focus on Athletics this term with a visiting Coach. We will work on developing sprinting and stamina and develop co-ordination and spatial awareness while moving quickly and safely.



Later on in the term Year 2 will be practising Sports' Day skills ready for the big day on 3rd July.

School Uniform

Please ensure your child wears the correct school uniform. From now on children can wear a summer uniform , details of which can be found on the school's website: www.fatima.bham.sch.uk Hair bands and bobbles should be blue. Fashion caps are not part of our school uniform. Blue school sun hats/caps can be purchased from the school office.

Thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss any queries or concerns you may have.

Kind regards

Mrs T. Workman

