



# Year 2

## Advent Term

Dear Parents

A warm welcome to Year 2. Children in Year 2 are taught by myself, Mrs Monk, on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and by Mrs Redfearn on Tuesdays.

Please find below some information about Year 2 and some things we will be doing during the Advent Term.

Reading at school - Children will read daily in their English lessons. In addition to this, they will read in whole class, group sessions, and on a one-to-one basis as necessary.



### P.E.

P.E. will be on **Mondays** and **Tuesdays**, so please ensure your child has their P.E. kit in school on these days. The P.E. kit uniform is listed in your child's organiser. **Please ensure all P.E. kit is named.**

### Advent Term Curriculum

During the first half term, we will be completing a Science unit and a History unit. Our Science unit is about growth and survival, and we will be learning about animals and their babies, exploring how humans grow and change as they get older and thinking about what animals need to survive and stay healthy. In History, we will be learning about the Great Fire of London.

During the second half of the Advent term, we will be completing a Geography and a Science unit. In Geography, we will be learning about maps. We will be exploring and drawing different types of maps, as well as completing a key using map symbols. Our Science unit will be all about being healthy.

For each of the units you will receive a Knowledge Organiser via Class Dojo, which will provide some additional information about what we will be learning. These will be sent out as we begin each new unit. They are also available on the school website.



R.E. Curriculum – Our topics for the Advent term are 'Creation and Covenant' and 'Prophecy and Promise'.

Branch One: Creation and Covenant: In this topic the children will learn about the story of Noah and the covenant God made with Him. We will also learn about the Sacrament of Baptism which welcomes people into the Christian family.

Branch Two: Prophecy and Promise: In this topic we will learn that prophets and prophetesses communicate God's message. We will also learn about Advent – a time when Christians prepare for the coming of Jesus. As part of this, we will also make and learn about the Advent wreath.

## Homework

It is important for you to support your child with their homework and reading, but also encouraging them to do as much as possible by themselves – for example asking the children to read the questions themselves rather than reading the questions to them.

Homework will mostly be communicated via Class Dojo. **Please ensure that you have signed up to your child's Class Dojo.**



## Spellings

Spellings will be given weekly on Mondays and tests will be on the following Monday. This will be linked to the work we are completing in class. Please support your child with learning their spellings.



**Reading at home** – it is important that children read daily at home for 10-15 minutes. Children will be given one scheme book each week chosen by their class teacher. In addition to this, children will be choosing some books from the KS1 library to bring home each week. These books are for you to share together and can be read either by your child or to your child. This is to support with children's reading enjoyment and to support with building vocabulary.

**Reading organisers must be brought into class every day, even if your child hasn't read, as these are monitored daily.**

## School Uniform

Please ensure children wear correct school uniform and that all of their **uniform is named.**

## Water Bottles

Children can have water bottles in class. Bottles must only contain water, not juice.

I hope this newsletter has given you a useful insight into some of the activities that will be taking place this term. If you have any questions regarding your child's learning or have any other queries or concerns during the year, please do not hesitate to speak to myself **after school**, or by prior appointment via the office. Non-urgent messages can be sent via Class Dojo (please remember that this may not be checked every day). Any urgent messages in the morning can be communicated via the school office.

Mrs Monk

