



Year 2

Lent Term Newsletter

Dear Parents

A warm welcome back and I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

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

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



P.E.

P.E. will be on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**, 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.**

Spring Term Curriculum

Our topics for the first half term are: a History topic about Space during which we will be learning about the history of Space travel, including some significant people such as Neil Armstrong and Katherine Johnson;

A Science topic on Materials during which we will be learning about everyday materials and their uses.



During the second half of the Spring term our topic will be London (Geography), where we will be learning about the UK focusing on London transport and famous buildings.

Our Science topic is about Living Things and Their Habitats. We will be learning about different habitats, animal life-cycles and food chains

R.E. Curriculum - There are two topics for the Lent Term.

Galilee to Jerusalem

In this topic the children will develop their understanding of Jesus and how he teaches about the nature of God through parables and miracles. We will also revisit our learning on Baptism, looking at the baptism of Jesus and thinking about the symbol of water, and how Christians use prayer as a way of turning back to God. Children will be developing their knowledge of John the Baptist and how he called the people of his time to turn back to God and uses baptism in water to symbolize this relationship.

Desert to Garden

This topic leads us very well into the celebration of Easter, and children's understanding of the events Holy Week. We will explore how Lent is a time of reconciliation and forgiveness. They will also be learning about the Easter Vigil Mass and the importance of light.



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 and tests will be on Mondays. 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 term, 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

