



St. Anne's Catholic Primary School



Welcome to Year 2!

Dear Parents, carers and children,

We would like to warmly welcome you and your families to Year 2. It is an exciting year full of engaging topics and a wealth of learning opportunities. We are immensely excited about sharing this special year with you and your families.

During our time together we will support you, and encourage the children to reach their goals & help to challenge them along the way. Our most important message to the children is 'always try your best' by showing resilience and perseverance. Remember—you can do it!

Miss Banks, Miss Williams & Miss Oates

Year Curriculum Themes

Autumn Term

The term will begin with our theme '**Creation and Covenant.**' During this half term the children look at the story of Noah's Arc from the Old Testament, where Noah makes a promise to God and become the change and salvation of the Earth in return for looking after all God's creatures. The children will then look at a wonderful book called 'Dear Earth' where the children will write an information leaflet about the importance of looking after God's planet.

After half term our whole school focus will be '**Prophecy and Promise.**' This is where the children will study the locality of Ormskirk focusing on our St Anne's church as we prepare for Advent. The children will look at the Gospel to learn about the Annunciation, Visitation and John the Baptist. Whilst preparing the Advent the children will also learn about the history of our school church of St Anne's and how they prepare for Advent.

Spring Term

Our Spring term will begin with the theme of '**Galilee to Jerusalem.**' The children explore the wonderful author Roald Dahl and his fantastic story of 'George's Marvelous Medicine'. Building on from this the children learn about the importance of being healthy and how to stay healthy as we learn about the fantastic Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacol.

Spring 2 is time to learn about '**Desert to Garden.**' The children explore how Lent is a time of reconciliation and forgiveness for Christians because they want to restore their relationship with God to be ready to celebrate the Resurrection. The children will also read a beautiful book called 'The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark' before exploring classic poetry.



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Summer Term

The Summer Term theme is '*To the Ends of the Earth*'. As part of our learning in 'To the Ends of the Earth', the children learn about Jesus's resurrection and gift of the Holy Spirit. The children will then create a collage of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit to thank Jesus for sending us this special gift. Following on from this the children will learn about all living things, focusing on their life cycles, food chains and habitats.

The topic for the second half of the Summer Term is '*Dialogue and Encounter*'. In our final term of the school year, the children explore different the different faiths of Judaism and Islam. The children also learn about the famous female explorer Amy Johnson and we follow her record breaking flight to Australia to discover the wonderful similarities and differences between 'down under' and the UK.



Classes 5 & 6 will have PE sessions on **Wednesdays & Thursdays**.

We would like the children to come *in to school* in their full school PE kit on **Wednesdays & Thursdays** with their school jumper/ cardigan over the top to keep them warm during the school day. Trainers or black pumps should also be worn with the PE kit.



Homework is set every Friday on Class Charts. Each week the children will be set:

- Reading books
- Spellings on Ed Shed
- Maths on Ed Shed

The children will also be set multiplication homework on TT Rockstars once we have covered multiplication and division in maths.

All logins for these platforms are in your welcome packs.



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Equipment for Year 2

School uniform, book bags and coats should all be clearly labelled please!

School book bags should be used, due to limited space in the cloakrooms.

Colouring books and pencil cases for wet play are welcomed.

Please send in water bottles every day.



Communication

It is extremely important for the staff, parents and pupils to build up a partnership in September.

We will also provide half termly Knowledge Organisers, emails for important reminders and year group information can be found on our website.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us through the school office. We really care greatly about your child and appreciate your continued support.

With many thanks,

The Year 2 Staff