

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 & Mrs Preston

Year 2 Curriculum Themes

Autumn Term

The term will begin with our theme '**Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds.**'. This is a Science based topic when the children will explore the effects of exercise and healthy food on their bodies. In History they will learn about Florence Nightingale - the Lady with the Lamp— and the impact that she had on the world of medicine.

After half term we will study the locality of Ormskirk '**Our World.**' The children will investigate the geography and history of the school and the local environment.



Spring Term

During the Spring Term the children eagerly learn lots of exciting, new things about '**Explorers.**' In English, they read a range of stories by the author Jonny Duddle. After looking at fictional explorers, they will be learning about the pilot, Amy Johnson.

Spring 2 is time to join the '**Animal Kingdom.**' The children will be learning about the lifecycles of animals, and using their knowledge to create information texts.



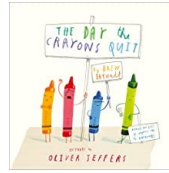
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Summer Term

The Summer Term theme is '**We are Scientists**'. The focus for reading and writing will be riddles and story writing. The children will love reading the first book in Andy Shepherd's series 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons.' During RE sessions the children will learn about Islam, and how the Muslim people pray.



The topic for the second half of the **Summer Term** is 'We are Creative'. The children will read the hilarious story of 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and will learn how to write entertaining letters. They will also learn to draw animals, characters and objects in the style of the illustrator, Oliver Jeffers.

Year 2 PE

Classes 5 & 6 will have PE sessions on **Wednesday** (at Ormskirk Tennis Club in Autumn 1) and **Friday** supported by the West Lancs Sports Partnership team. We would like the children to come **in to school** in their full school PE kit on both days, with their school jumper/ cardigan over the top to keep them warm during the school day. Trainers should also be worn with the PE kit. Girls, please tie your hair back and please do not wear earrings.



Homework

The children are given their reading, spelling and Homework on Friday:

- Reading (2 books per week using the online Bug Club scheme)
- Weekly English/ Maths tasks (set on Class Charts)
- Spellings (linked to Phonics)

Homework is submitted by Wednesday.

Spelling quiz is on Friday, please return books on Monday.





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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. There will be daily posts on our Twitter feed (@Class5CB and @Class6JP), as we love you to show you the wonderful things that the children are doing.

We will also provide half termly Knowledge Organisers, as well as emails for important reminders.

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

Miss Banks & Miss Williams, Mrs Preston, Miss Martin & Mrs Barton

