

St. Cuthbert's Catholic Primary

Summer 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers

I am writing with information about what your child will be learning and the skills they will be developing during the Spring Term.

Reading-Children will continue to access daily RWI lessons and on completion of RWI, will access daily reading lessons. Children will have a reading journal that they will bring home weekly to share some of their story book work with you. They can add to this at home using comics/books that they have read with you. Children will continue to access books at school and will be given time to read and have a daily story read to them. At home, children are still encouraged to read daily. They can read comics, books or access our school online reading programme MyOn. They must bring their signed reading record and book into school so that it can be changed.

Spellings- Children will be given a spelling list every week to take home. These will be the spellings we will be learning in class over the following week. Spelling tests will be every Friday.

Maths - Children will be given times tables every week to take home. They will then need to learn these tables for a test every Friday. In Year 2, our focus is on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

PE - Our PE days are Tuesday and Friday. Please make sure your child has a full PE kit. Children can come to school wearing their kit which should be plain black joggers/shorts, plain white T-shirt, trainers and a plain black jumper/hoodie or school jumper/cardigan. Our topics this term are ball skills and racket skills.

Marvellous Me-Messages, reminders and letters will be sent home via Marvellous Me. If you are not already signed up, please ask for another letter.

My Child at School - We are continuing to use the 'My Child at School' app as our new online payment system at school. The system will enable you to view balances and make payments for trips and events, school meals and breakfast club without the need to send cash into school. Please contact the school office if you have not yet received your email for login details.

Subject	Learning Objectives
Science	This term, our science topics will be ' Electricity ' and ' Living things and their Habitats '. During the first half term, children will continue learning about the uses of electricity, how it is transported, appliances that run on electricity, electrical safety and basic circuits. During the second half term, the children will learn about a variety of habitats and the plants and animals that live there. They learn to tell the difference between things that are living, dead and things that have never been alive, and apply this in a range of contexts. They make observations of a local habitat and the creatures that live there, investigating conditions in local microhabitats and how they affect the minibeasts found within them.
Computing	Children will be accessing Purple Mash to develop their computing skills. Through the Making Music topic, children will develop their knowledge and understanding to create simple and more complex animations using 2Sequence. The children can use 2Sequence to explore harmony and build up musical scores. The Presenting Ideas topic will learn how to present digital content in different forms, make a quiz about a story using 2Quiz and extract information from 2Connect to make a fact file.
History / Geography	The Great Fire of London - Children will use their learning from the last half term to compare the events of The Great Fire of London with the events from The Great Fire of Newcastle and Gateshead. Children will also look at how both of these fires have impacted fire safety today. Exploring the World - Children will look at different explorers and where in the world they travelled to on their expeditions. They will use maps to identify where in the world these places are and compare these places with where we live in the UK.
Art/D&T	DT - Textiles Children will complete a weaving pattern using strips of fabric before moving on to learning how to do a simple running stitch. They will then use these skills to make their own coin purse. Art - Sculpture & Collage / printing Children will use printing techniques to take rubbings from different materials found in different habitats outside. They will also create clay models of a minibeast that we will learn about through our science topic making round and flat surfaces and use appropriate materials to create a desired texture.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us: year2@stcuthbertsstockton.bhcet.org.uk. We will continue to use Marvellous Me to communicate important messages and reward children's work at home with badges.

Thank you for your continued support,
Miss Conlon