



**Autumn Term – Second Half**

**04.11.24 – 20.12.24**

# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

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### ***Our Mission Statement***

*We would like to be recognised by the quality and depth of respect and love, which we show towards each other. Mutual respect and tolerance are central to our way of life at St. Mary's as we meet Jesus Christ in each other.*

***WELCOME:** Welcome to our Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter which will outline the main areas of learning for your children over the next part of the term. We are delighted with how well the children have started. They are all looking so smart and have settled beautifully. We have a busy half term ahead of us and we hope that you find this curriculum newsletter useful for supporting your child's learning at home. If there are any issues, please continue to use the contact book, e mail the office or speak to us after school. Thank you for all your continued support.*

### **Important dates for the term**

***Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November:*** 2AS to Pizza Express

***Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November:*** Individual photographs

***Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November:*** Home clothes day for Elfridges

***Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November*** – Parent / Teacher meetings

***Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November:*** Home clothes day for Bottle Stall

***Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November:*** Annual Christmas fair

***Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December:*** KS1 Christmas Production 2pm

***Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December:*** Christmas dinner day

***Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December:*** End of term Mass and school closes at 2.00pm



## **Literacy**

During our literacy lessons we will continue to reinforce the use of phonics to support our spelling and in our Little Wandle reading sessions, we will continue to develop comprehension skills. We will focus on story writing based on the themes of Remembrance Day and Bonfire Night. Our focus text for this half term will be Owl babies. During this term we really want to focus on sentence structure and using a range of exciting vocabulary. When reading with your child, we would especially request that you ask questions (often these are at the back of the book) and predict what happens next. This is to increase their comprehension skills.



## **Mathematics**

**Number:** We are continuing to add and subtract numbers within 100 using different methods such as number lines and drawing out base 10. This will be an arithmetic focus to ensure fluency when adding and subtracting. Children are encouraged to use their knowledge of number bonds to support them to solve problems.



## **Religious Education**

Our topic this half term will be **Mysteries**. We are talking about the Trinity and how the Holy Spirit can guide us. We would like the children to learn The Glory Be. We will also discuss Advent and the Christmas story.

## **RSE**

In our RSE lessons we will be thinking about our emotional wellbeing and feelings especially anger. Also we will begin to learn about the cycle of life. We will continue to learn about special, notable people and how they contribute or have contributed to our society.



## Science

*We will continue our unit of study on living things and their habitats. We will learn how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other. We will also learn about food chains and the relationship between prey and predator.*

## Other Curriculum Areas

**P.E.:** *We will continue to have PE on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This half term Year 2 will concentrate on yoga and outdoor games. Please make sure the children have a dark plain tracksuit and trainers. Girls need to have a pair of white socks in their PE bags as they are unable to wear tights during PE lessons. Please ensure these are all named.*

**Computing:** *We will focus on all aspects of coding using Purple Mash. The children will create a simple program that achieves a specific purpose and will also try to identify and correct some errors known as 'debugging'.*

**Geography:** *We will be learning to name and locate the four countries of the UK. We will use directional language (points of a compass) to follow a route and draw simple maps for Father Christmas to use to find our homes!*

**Art and Design:** *We are using poppies as a focus for our art work and especially looking at Monet's poppy paintings. We will also develop skills through various Christmas activities.*

**Music:** *This term our work is based around the Christmas production. Children will need to learn the songs for our Nativity.*

## Behaviour in Year 2

*In Year 2 positive praise and reinforcement is used by both class teachers. The children are rewarded for good behavior and hard work through stickers and their class bear. Each Year 2 class has a class bear which gets to go home with a child for the weekend.*

*We also encourage the children to show good pieces of work to the adjacent class teacher. On the rare occasion that a child does not make the right choice they will be given a verbal warning from their class teacher. If this type of behavior persists then they will be sent next door to the adjacent class teacher for a short period of time to complete their work.*

Year 2 2024-25	8.40 – 8.50	8.50 – 9.25	9.25 – 10.10		10.30 – 11.15	11.15 – 12.00		1.25 – 2.05	2.05 – 2.40	2.45 – 3.05	After School
Monday	Early Morning Work	Phonics	Literacy	B	Maths	RSE	L	Science		Class Liturgy Assembly	Staff Meeting
Tuesday	Early Morning Work	9.00 - 9.25 KS1 Hymn Practice	Phonics	R	PPA Music and PE		U	Maths			
Wednesday	Early Morning Work	9.00 - 9.20 Wednesday Word	Phonics	E	Literacy	Maths	N	Art / DT	RE		
Thursday	Early Morning Work	Phonics	Literacy	A	Maths	RE	C	PE	History/ Geography		
Friday	Early Morning Work	Phonics	Literacy	K	Maths	Computing	H	Spelling	Handwriting	Celebration Assembly -	

Attached above is a copy of the Year 2 timetable. As you are aware, things change so often in school so inevitably some days may differ from what is stated on the timetable.

### **And finally...**

*...thank you for all your help and support, which is very much appreciated by both the staff and the children.  
Please ensure that all uniform is clearly labelled as the cloakrooms are limited in space and quickly fill up with un-identifiable clothing.*

***If at any time there is a problem with returning the homework on time, please just let us know.***

We trust that you have found this information useful and as always welcome your feedback.  
With thanks from the Year 2 team.