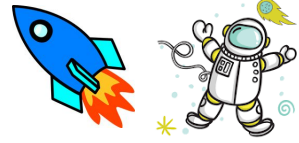




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Year 2 Autumn Term 2020-21



Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you have all had an enjoyable and safe summer holiday. Currently, school is a little bit different, but rest assured, we will still be teaching some fun and exciting lessons! Our topic for the Autumn Term will be 'Light and Dark'. We will be exploring the text 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark' which will include investigating everything that happens at night and in the day. We will also be focusing on space, Neil Armstrong and the first landing on the moon.

Mrs Atkinson & Mr Oates

Curriculum Topics

English: Your child will have regular phonics and spelling lessons. Children will be given a grid of spellings to practise taken from the week's lesson. Every Friday, they will be tested on these words. We will also be sending home a list of Year 1&2 common exception words. It is an expectation that children in Year 2 can read and spell these words, so please take some time to go through these. Our writing focus will be on sentence structure, narrative and non-fiction text.

Maths: This term will begin by consolidating **number and place value**. This will include reading, writing and ordering numbers to and above 100. As the term progresses, we will move towards **addition** and **subtraction** using concrete, pictorial and abstract methods.

RE: We will cover the topics of **Old Testament Stories** and **Sharing in the Life of Jesus**. We will focus on Praise and Thanksgiving, **The Angelus** and **The Eternal Rest**. From time to time your child may bring home readings for Mass or Collective Worship. We would appreciate it if you were able to practise these at home.

Science: Children will have the opportunity to work scientifically through asking and answering questions, observing, performing simple tests and gathering and recording data. We will be focusing on testing the **suitability of materials** for different purposes.

Geography: This half term we will be looking at the world from a bird's eye view. We will be naming the **Oceans and Continents**. Children will have the opportunity to use maps, atlases and photographs to learn and use geographical vocabulary.

Arts: As artists, the children will have the opportunity to develop ideas through **exploration**, master the **techniques** of painting skills and use a **variety of mediums** to create their own masterpieces. Children will **hopefully** also be learning and practising songs for some form of **Christmas** celebration.

Computing: The children will be using computers to **code and debug** programs. We will also focus on **e-safety** throughout the year. Please keep an eye out for e-safety workshops.

PE: Children will be taking part in **Gymnastics** and **Fundamental Movement Skills** this half term.

Topic: Children will be learning about **Light and Dark** including **Diwali** which is The Festival of Light! Later in the term, your children will learn about **Space** and the first landing on the Moon. Children will look at images of the Earth from space. You will receive a word aware sheet outlining all the key vocabulary we will be using. Please take some time to go through these words with your child and explain what they mean.

General Reminders

- Please ensure that your child has his/her **PE kit & Wellies** in school on the days mentioned below and that all items belonging to your child are **clearly labelled**, including any uniform, hats, scarves and gloves. **It is your child's responsibility to look after their own belongings.**
- **Due to COVID-19 your child will be required to come to school wearing their P.E kit on a Thursday. This is for both Year 2 classes.**
- Your child will change reading books three times a week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday). On Tuesdays and Thursdays please take the opportunity to re-read the school reading book and ask and answer questions. If you would like some ideas for questions to ask, please approach your child's class teacher. **Please ensure you take time to read with your child each day and make comments in their reading record.**
- Please ensure your child brings a **water bottle** to school to keep in class. As part of our Healthy Eating initiative children are only permitted **water** in the classroom. Your child will also be required to bring a healthy snack. Thank you for your continued support.
- This year at St Joseph's we will be moving our home learning online to Tapestry. Please be patient with us on this. For now, home learning will be given out on a Friday and must be returned by the following Thursday. Any home learning given in after this time will not be marked.
- All Year 2 newsletters and home learning are uploaded to the Year 2 class webpage on a regular basis. If your child loses or is away when home learning or spellings are given out, please look on the website.



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