



St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School

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Year 2 Newsletter

Class Teachers: Mrs McCarthy (Monday, Tuesday all day and Wednesday PM)
Miss Brundle (Wednesday AM, Thursday and Friday all day)
TA: Mrs Tucker

The year 2 team hope you had a wonderful and restful summer holidays and we welcome you to the new school year. We are looking forward to supporting your child in their learning and have a range of exciting and interesting topics and activities to explore. We have provided some key information below to help you and your child settle into year 2.

Homework

Please note that daily reading is essential and we cannot stress enough the importance of this.

Even if your child is a competent reader it is vital that they read every day to develop their comprehension skills and build their vocabulary. It will also help increase the speed and fluency of their reading which impacts on all curriculum areas including mathematics. Please hear your child read and record the pages in their Reading record. In class, we will be hearing the children read, both individually and in a whole class setting as well as staff reading to them. When hearing your child read, help them to sound out or decode unknown words but also ask them questions about the punctuation or grammar used, discuss the sentences, paragraphs or pages they have read, for example: why did the author use those particular words to describe the main character? Can they think of alternative words which have the same meaning? What do they predict will happen next?

Our popular reading reward scheme will be running again this year. If your child reads 4 times in a week, (Monday to Monday) they will earn one raffle ticket which will be added to our class jar. If they have read 4 times each week for the whole half term, they will receive a certificate. There will also be one lucky winner, picked from the jar, who will receive a prize.

Each week spellings will be sent home in a spelling book. Please ensure this book is in school on **Mondays** so they can complete their test in the back and new spellings can be added. In the Autumn term we will be concentrating on practising the red words from their phonics scheme as we would like the children to become confident in spelling these across all of the subjects.

Each **Monday** a maths sheet will be sent home which will reflect the area of maths we have been concentrating on in class for the children to consolidate their learning.

In addition to this, we will be sending home topic homework (History/Geography/Science) that will enrich the children's learning. Please see attached for the first half term, which will be due in by Friday 18th October. Thank you in advance for your help with your child's learning.

For more information about our school curriculum please see the school website.



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PE: These lessons will take place on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Please send children to school wearing appropriate school PE kit including tracksuit bottoms if the weather is cold. Please ensure that everything is labelled to reduce the risk of losing things.

Toys: We would like to remind you that toys **should not** be brought into school, as we do not want them to get lost or broken. There will be opportunities in the week for the children to share news with the class. If your child has an achievement outside of school such as passing a swimming level or gaining a trophy, please feel free to send these in for us to share with the class, as we love to hear about these.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact either of us. We look forward to continuing your child's journey at St Mary's.

With very best wishes for the new term,

Miss Brundle and Mrs McCarthy



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Continents project



Make a map
of the world.



Fact file about
a continent.



Make a plate of
food based on a
continent.



Find out about 2
animals for
each continent.



Choose a continent
and find out about a
language from there.



Make a poster
advertising a
continent.