



**'Aspire not to have more, but to be more'**

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# YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024



**Dear parents/carers,**

Welcome back to our weekly Year 2 Class Newsletter. With this renewed energy, we continue our journey and as we are now in the Liturgical season of Lent, we look forward to new learning and revisiting what it means to make this journey towards Holy Week and the Tridium.



## Religious Education

As we are now in the season of Lent, the children have made a Lenten Promise. They reflect upon these to help them to become closer to Jesus as we journey through Lent, towards Easter.

### Home learning:

We have been learning about the Eucharist. Please could you notice the part of the Mass when the Priest consecrates the bread and wine and draw your children's attention to it. We have looked at The Last Supper and made a correlation between the Mass and the words that Jesus used at that special meal.



## Literacy:

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Here are links to both of the stories we will be learning.



## Phonics

**The graphemes we are focussing on are 'ee' and 'er'**

**Home Learning:** To support your children, we encourage you to practise a little dictation with these words in a sentence as they are on the home learning sheets. This encourages the children to listen and build stamina to write quickly in order to keep up, and also to put the words in context with the correct punctuation.



## Maths

### **Multiplication;**

We have been drawing arrays to work out Multiplication calculations. While the children can do a lot of the Times tables off by heart, we teach them how to do this using arrays as it is a great method to be able to understand and use. This is especially true for trickier calculations and in problem solving which we are working towards next week.

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1. The three Billy Goats Gruff

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3QzT1sq6kCY>

2. Little Red Riding Hood

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0W86K1jBJFI>

**Home Learning:**

A sheet to practise drawing arrays and an example has been included. Please follow our method. Thank you.

**Home Learning:**

The children have to complete a comprehension on the 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' and we are asking them to make inferences which are their thoughts and ideas.

**Reminders**

- **Parents evening will be taking place next week, please ensure that you have made an appointment with your child's class teacher. If you have forgotten your appointment time please come and see us to confirm it.**

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Dear parents/carers,

Thank you for attending your child's parent evening meetings with us. We hope we were able to assist you in this partnership and journey and please feel free to ask if there is anything else you would like to know.

We have a busy week next week doing lots of activities outside of school! We will be busy rehearsing the songs for the Music Festival and ask you to do the same at home please. We look forward to seeing you on the night and know without a doubt that you are in for a treat and like us, will be very proud of your children!

## **Arrangements for the evening of the Festival:**

We will give your child a coloured T-Shirt to wear. It is plain without any logos. Please dress your child in the usual school uniform but instead of the shirt and jumper, wear the T-Shirt they are given and they can return it to us on the Wednesday.

### **On the day:**

Meet us at Fairfield Hall at 6.30pm with your child. Please ensure that they have been to the toilet before you come to us and take all their belongings ie. Coats.

At the end of the concert we will 'deliver' your child back to you at the same meeting place.

## **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March Polka Theatre:**

Please dress your child in school uniform and rainproof outdoor wear in case it rains. Ensure they have suitable footwear as we have quite a long walk from the station to the Theatre.

Please remember to send a packed lunch if you did not request one from school and in a bag that is disposable to prevent carrying anything back. Please do not include glass bottles.

We aim to be back at school at 3.30pm and look forward to culminating this topic on 'Tidy' with this visit.

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## Religious Education

We are drawing our topic to a close on Thanksgiving.

We have been exploring the themes under the heading of:

1. We gather together as a Church community
2. We listen to the word of God
3. We give thanks for the Eucharist
4. We go out in celebration of our Faith.

We have learnt how the Eucharist and how the Consecration matches the words that Jesus said at The Last Supper.

Next week we will begin to look at the Easter Story through various paintings and Art.



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## Maths

**Multiplication;**

We have been problem solving using RUCSAC. While this is a good method for solving word problems, learning the tables 'off by heart' will inevitably speed the process.

**Home Learning:**

We have sent a sheet home for you to keep. Please work on this so that the children learn the 2,5 and 10 Times tables. These are the requirements for the end of Key Stage 1 and any others that you do will of course be beneficial but please focus on consolidating these first.

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8<sup>th</sup> March 2024



Dear parents/carers,

What a BUSY week we have had and most enjoyable and fun!

As we said last week, your children did a tremendous job at Fairfield Halls and we were all so proud of them. They shone like the little stars that they are! Well done to them and thank you for supporting us along the way.

## March Polka Theatre:

Thank you to all the parents and carers who accompanied us on the visit to the Polka Theatre. The play was absolutely amazing and was a wonderful culmination of the topic we have been learning about derived from the book 'Tidy.' The children's behaviour was exemplary and a lovely day was had by all.



## Religious Education

### Opportunities:

This is our new topic leading us towards Holy Week.

We will be learning how Lent is an opportunity to reflect on our lives, make changes and transform to be the people that God wants us to be and who Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice for.

### Home learning:

Find opportunities at home where you can be of help to others, show love to others and be kind to one another.



## Phonics

The graphemes we are focussing on are the split digraph 'a-e' and 'o-e'



## Maths

Please continue to learn the 2,5 and 10 times table which is crucial and will also assist the children when learning Division as it is the inverse to Multiplication.

### Home learning:



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## Literacy and Art

**Next week is Literacy and Art week.**

We will be reading a book called 'The Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers and using this story to write our own versions by again using story mountains.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EHJE9vk\\_fm](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EHJE9vk_fm)

Visit to Waterstones on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March:

We will be taking a walk to Waterstones in Croydon for World Book Day.

We will be leaving at 9.30am for St Francis 9.45am for St Martin. Please let us know if you will be able to assist us on the walk. The whole round trip should be no more than an hour and a half.

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Dear parents/carers,

We have had a lovely Literacy and Art Week through the book 'The Way Back Home.' Together with our visit to Waterstones and dressing up as a character, the children have been immersed in books. At Waterstones, it was lovely to meet a real author Sophia Wilson the author of 'The Left Handed Champ.' By meeting her we were able to explain to the children that behind every book, is a real person who wrote the story and that writing is a process that begins with practise, to become better and more creative and imaginative. We are looking forward in years to come to seeing books on shelves of some of the children we have taught!



## Religious Education

We have now begun our learning about Holy Week. We have started with Palm Sunday and the event of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a Donkey. We will look at the washing of His Disciples' feet and how Jesus' are one of serving. From this we can learn how we can all be of service to one another.

### Home learning:

At home, notice the things that you all do for each other and how by serving you are displaying an act of love.



## Literacy:

The genre we are learning about this half term is 'Fairy Tales' and we intend to finish it as most of our learning following this will be on The Easter Story.

### Home Learning:

The children have Alien space sentences to write in line with 'The Way Back Home' Please use the words that are on the sheet to write your own sentences



## Phonics

The graphemes we are focussing on are:  
'ey' as in Donkey and 'e-e' as in theme.

### Home Learning:

Please help your child to learn the spellings and practise writing the sentences. We are seeing a big improvement in the children's handwriting, so thank you for supporting us.



## Maths

### Division:

We are learning about equal Grouping and Division. Please continue to memorise the 2,5 and 10 times tables as the children will then be able to make a link between Multiplication and Division and the inverse.

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and of course remembering to write with capital letters and full stops.

Learning the 2,5 and 10 Times Tables.

Follow the link to hear the story that we have been learning.

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Dear parents/carers,

These last few days of this term have been very busy as we have had to cover a lot of learning in a very short half term! This week lot of our teaching and learning has been on 'The Easter Story' and with next week being Holy Week, we will learn more of the events that took place beginning with Palm Sunday through to the Triduum.



## Religious Education

### Topic: Opportunities

Our focus will be on the Easter Story. On Tuesday, KS1 will be participating in the Lenten walk for CAFOD.

**Well done Reception who completed their walk today. You did a great job!**

**Please note that we are trying to raise money for CAFOD and if it is possible, would love you to donate however much or little you can afford to sponsor and also to support CAFOD's wonderful humanitarian work globally. A text has been sent to you if you would like to donate some money.**



## Phonics

**The graphemes we are focussing on are:  
'es' as in lunches and 'er' as in lighter**

### Home Learning:

Please help your child to learn the spellings and practise writing the sentences. We are seeing a big improvement in the children's handwriting, so thank you for supporting us.



## Literacy and Art:

We are learning about the 'The Easter Story' by looking at various Artists and how they depict Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday; the washing of the feet by Jesus, The Last Supper and Good Friday. By looking at these paintings, we are trying to look at tones and colours used to evoke feelings of the scenes.



## Maths

### **Division:**

We are consolidating dividing by 2 as this will lead to the halving of Numbers.

### Home Learning:

Please complete the sheet on problem solving by dividing by 2.

Have a lovey weekend, the Year 2 Team.

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Just a reminder, Each year group will be taking part in the Big Lent Walk to raise money for Cafod. All the money we raise will go to Cafod. This money in turn goes to help those people around the world who are less fortunate than us and for those who need our help. So please donate so we can show others what we are called to do- love and help our brothers and sister around the world.

To donate please follow this link

**<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-marys-catholic-infant-school-lent-walk-24>**

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