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YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back to School!

We are thrilled to begin a new academic year with your children in their new classrooms. It is an exciting time, and we truly appreciate your ongoing support as we work together to make this a successful and enriching year of learning. The children are settling in well and are already adapting to new routines and approaches. If you have any questions or need clarification on anything, please do not hesitate to reach out and ask as we are always happy to help.

Year Two covers a wide range of subject material, and each half term, we will keep you informed about the key topics we are focusing on in the core subjects. We will also share any home learning activities that will help deepen and reinforce their understanding.

Thank you in advance for supporting us in your child's learning, as we all endeavour to make it a successful and enjoyable one!

Religious Education



Our RE scheme is called 'Lighting The Path'

Religious Education – Creation and Covenant

This half term, Year 2 will begin their journey through **Lighting the Path** with *Creation and Covenant*.

Children will explore the **Bible**, learning about the **Old and New Testaments** and discovering how **Psalms** are different from other parts of Scripture. They will explore the story of **Noah** and learn about the special **covenant (promise)** God made with Noah and all living creatures.

We will also learn about **Baptism** as a Sacrament of Initiation and consider how we can be good **stewards of God's creation**, recognising our responsibility to care for the world and all that lives in it.

Through Scripture, prayer, discussion and reflection, children will develop their understanding of God's love and how we can live out our faith by caring for others and our beautiful world.



Literacy

What We'll Build by Oliver Jeffers is our main text

Little People, Big Dreams: Florence Nightingale

This half term, we will be developing our **writing, grammar, punctuation and editing skills**.

Writing:

Children will create predictions, use mind maps to organise ideas and write lists. They will develop their



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descriptive writing by describing friends, people and settings, as well as making comparisons. They will also write about children’s aspirations for the future and practise writing clear, well-ordered instructions.

Grammar, Punctuation & Editing:

Children will practise using statements, questions, exclamations and commands appropriately. They will work on accurate use of capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks, as well as different sentence forms. We will develop our use of the progressive form of verbs, commas in lists, and apostrophes for contractions and possession. Children will also be encouraged to reread, edit and proofread their writing to check that it makes sense and to correct spelling, grammar and punctuation errors.



Phonics

Revisit Summer 1 and 2

Review of Phase 5 GPCs after summer break.

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Maths

Place Value

This half term, children will develop their understanding of place value and numbers to 100. They will practise counting objects in groups of 10, recognising tens and ones, and partitioning numbers in different ways. Children will also learn to read and write numbers to 100 in words, compare and order numbers and objects, and develop fluency when counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s.

We will use practical resources, games and problem-solving activities to help children build confidence and a secure understanding of numbers to 100.

General Information:

- ❖ Please remember that we have a no earrings policy in school.
- ❖ All hair bands should be in school colours.
- ❖ Please label all school uniform and ensure your child has a book bag everyday.
- ❖ Swimming and PE:
St Francis swim on Thursday. The children may wear PE kit on this day for ease of changing.
St Martin have PE on Thursday and the children may wear trainers.
- ❖ Reading books for the next few weeks:
The children will bring two books home, one is a Phase levelled reading book and the other a book of their own free choice. Please listen to your child reading the Phase book to practise their reading. This book will be given to your child on a Friday and returned back on Wednesday.
Please re and re-read it to reinforce all the new sounds in the book. The free choice book is for you to read to your child and enjoy with them. Thank you

Thank you for your support and God bless you and your families.



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From the Year 2 Team