



Diocese of Portsmouth

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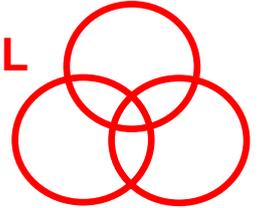
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Year 2 Newsletter Autumn 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 2. I hope that you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday after the strange summer term we had, and are ready for the new year. Our school day will begin at 8:45am when I will meet you at the field gate. Our drop off time is between 8:45am and 9:00am. At the end of the day you will be picked up from the field gate at 3 pm.

Topic: This term our topic is going to be '**Britain is Great**' and all our writing will be planned around it. We are going to learn about England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. We will focus on the capital cities, tourist attractions, patron saints, traditional clothes and food in these countries.

Writing: The children will complete a variety of writing through the topic including recounts, diaries, newspaper reports, adventure stories, poetry, information pages, character descriptions, persuasive letters, retelling traditional stories and legends and many more. As well as writing, the children will have regular opportunities to perform and present their work in drama, role-play and performing poetry activities, which has proved to help the children with their learning and to let their confidence develop. We aim to inspire the children to enjoy the topic so that their motivation and confidence in writing will improve, which will then have impact on their progress and achievements.

Grammar and Punctuation: This will also be taught within the topic and following the Curriculum, focusing on plurals, past tense, and punctuating sentences correctly.

Handwriting: This is one of our priorities and the children are expected to use continuous cursive handwriting by the end of Year 2. We will have regular handwriting sessions to ensure all the children can achieve this.

Phonics: All Year 2 children will be completing the phonics screening in October as they missed it due to school closures. Therefore, this term the children we will revise previously learnt phonics and learn the Phase 5 phonics that they missed. Further on in the year we will be learning Phase 6, focusing on alternative spellings. Year 2 common exception words will also be taught. We will also have regular short dictations of sentences including the spelling patterns and high frequency words.

Spelling at home: Weekly spelling tests will take place on Mondays and the new words will be given out by Tuesday. The children will all have a spelling book which will be taken home on Tuesday and will need to be returned on Monday for the weekly spelling test. Each child will have a list of spellings which they are to learn during the week at home ready for their test on Monday. Please do help your child with learning the spellings by practising with them and encouraging them to look for spelling patterns.





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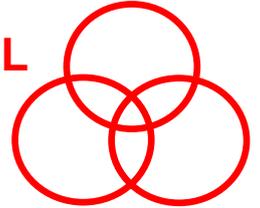
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Reading: We will continue to read with the children individually and in weekly guided reading sessions. As well as improving their ability to read fluently, we will focus on the comprehension of texts to make sure the children understand what they read and can discuss it effectively. Please, help your child by making sure you read with them daily.

Maths: This term the children will be focusing on place value, addition and subtraction, 2D shapes, tally charts, bar graphs and pictograms as well as learning about measurement (time, money and length). In Year 2 there will be a focus on using and applying the maths taught to answer word problems and do lots of investigations to deeper the children's understanding.

Science: We will be learning about Animals, including humans during this term. We are also planning to work in a partnership with the Abingdon School if possible.

R.E.: This term we will be learning about Creation, Prayer, Saints and Feasts, Advent and Christmas.

Homework: Each child will have a homework folder provided to complete their work in. Homework will be given on Friday and is expected in, for marking, on Wednesday. In Year 2 the homework is essential and will be monitored closely, therefore completing and returning homework is very important to your child's education. Please speak to me if you are having problems with homework or need any guidance with what is expected.

Reading at home: The children will still need their book bags in school every day so that they can read whenever we have quiet reading and 1:1 sessions. The children will read weekly to the class teacher during guided group reading in class and individually with reading helpers and teaching assistants but reading every-day at home will continue to help build their confidence and enjoyment of reading. Please make a note in the child's reading record book when you have heard your child read to help us to know when to issue new books. As the children may now be reading longer books it's not essential to read the whole book in one night - just 10-15 minutes a day will ensure they are progressing well.

Physical Education: It is essential that the children have the correct P.E. kit in school. P.E. kits will be kept in the cloakroom for the term and will be taken home at the end of each term. This will ensure that the children do not forget to bring their kit to school. The P.E. kit required for school is as follows: 1 red polo shirt, 1 navy pair of shorts, 1 pair of trainers for outdoor P.E. 1 pair of plimsolls for everyday wear and indoor P.E. Please make sure all kit is clearly named.

If you have anything you wish to discuss or questions to ask, please feel free to email in to school, catch me at the field gate during pick up or drop off or you can contact us via the class email address: class2@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk

Kind Regards,

Mrs Boodell

