



St Edmund's RC Primary School
AUTUMN TERM 2021
Year 2 Class Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 2! I hope you had a fantastic summer. I look forward to meeting you.

In our school we have a mainly topic-based curriculum. We aim to inspire the children to enjoy each topic so that their motivation and confidence with writing is continually improving which will then of course impact on their ability and progress. The children have daily English and Maths lessons and we will focus in English on punctuation, handwriting, descriptive language and connecting sentences; this will all be done through our topic. To find out more about our exciting topic-based approach to teaching the curriculum do look at our [Class Topic plan](#).

Curriculum

Our topic this term is Great Britain which we will explore until Christmas. We will learn about the countries and capitals of the United Kingdom. We will focus on fundamental information, historical events, key geographical vocabulary and important skills such as using maps, atlases and globes. We will also learn through a series of creative activities such as art, poetry, posters and writing our own stories.

In Maths we will delve into place value, addition & subtraction, multiplication & division as well as money.

Our Science focus will be *Uses of Everyday Materials*. In this unit we will learn about the uses of everyday materials including wood, plastic, metal, glass, brick, paper, and cardboard. Children will then go on to compare the suitability of different everyday materials for different purposes. We will explore how objects made of some everyday materials can change shape and how the recycling process is able to reuse some everyday materials numerous times. The Science topic finishes with children learning about new discoveries which have been made over time with a specific focus on John McAdam. A range of learning activities are used in this unit including, discussions, debates, sequencing and, if circumstances permit, a local walk where children work scientifically to identify the uses of everyday materials in the local area.

In RE we will start with Creation then move on to learning about Saints, Prayers and Feasts. We will end the term with learning about Advent.

In our Relationships, Health Education lessons we will cover Module 1 Units 1 & 2 which encompass the following lessons: Let the Children come, I am unique, Girls and Boys and Clean and Healthy.

Our PSHE lessons will cover the following topics: Looking Forward, Staying Safe Around Strangers and Communicating Online.

Homework

The children will have homework weekly that is related to the Maths, English or topic work we are working on that week. Homework will be given out on **Fridays** and will be expected back the following **Wednesday**.

Reading

One of the most powerful ways you can help your child is by helping them develop a love of reading. This may be through them seeing you read and enjoy books, through them reading to you or you to them, or discussing anything you have read together. Reading regularly will help your child with every subject. Children who read regularly at school and at home make the most progress so thank you so much for your support in this area.

School Uniform and PE kit

It is essential that the children have the correct PE kit in school. **PE kits are to be worn to school on Fridays – our PE day**. The PE kit needed for school is as follows: 1 red polo shirt, 1 navy pair of shorts and 1 pair of trainers. Please make sure all these items are clearly named. In addition to our weekly PE session, we will complete the Daily Mile every afternoon.

If you have any queries, or if you wish to talk to me, I will be available after school or via appointment to discuss anything at length or you may contact me directly via the class email address: Class2@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk

Warm wishes,

Ms. Pérez