

## General Information and Reminders

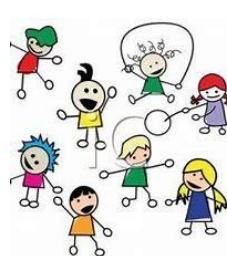
### PE

PE will take place on Mondays and Thursdays. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE uniform in school every day:

- blue shorts/tracksuit trousers
- a grey t shirt
- plimsolls or a change of trainers for outside

**Please ensure all clothes and plimsolls are clearly labelled with your child's name.**

PE in Year 2 is taught by Mr Spadaccini.



### Trips

Little Angel Theatre - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November

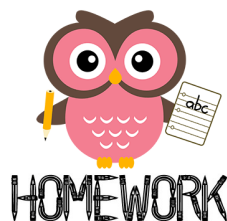
Florence Nightingale Museum - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November

### Homework

Homework will be sent home on Thursdays and is due back the following Tuesday.

Spellings will be sent home on Thursday and tested on Tuesday. Times tables will be tested on Tuesday later in the term. Please check homework for details.

The children will receive one main piece of homework each week in addition to regular reading at home. The reading diaries will continue to be used in order to carefully monitor progress in reading as well as being a useful home-school link. In Year 2 reading may move towards group reading to develop new reading strategies.



### Class assembly

Our class assembly this term will take place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November. There will also be a parent workshop on maths calculation held at 9am in the Year 2 classroom. All parents, carers and family members are warmly invited!

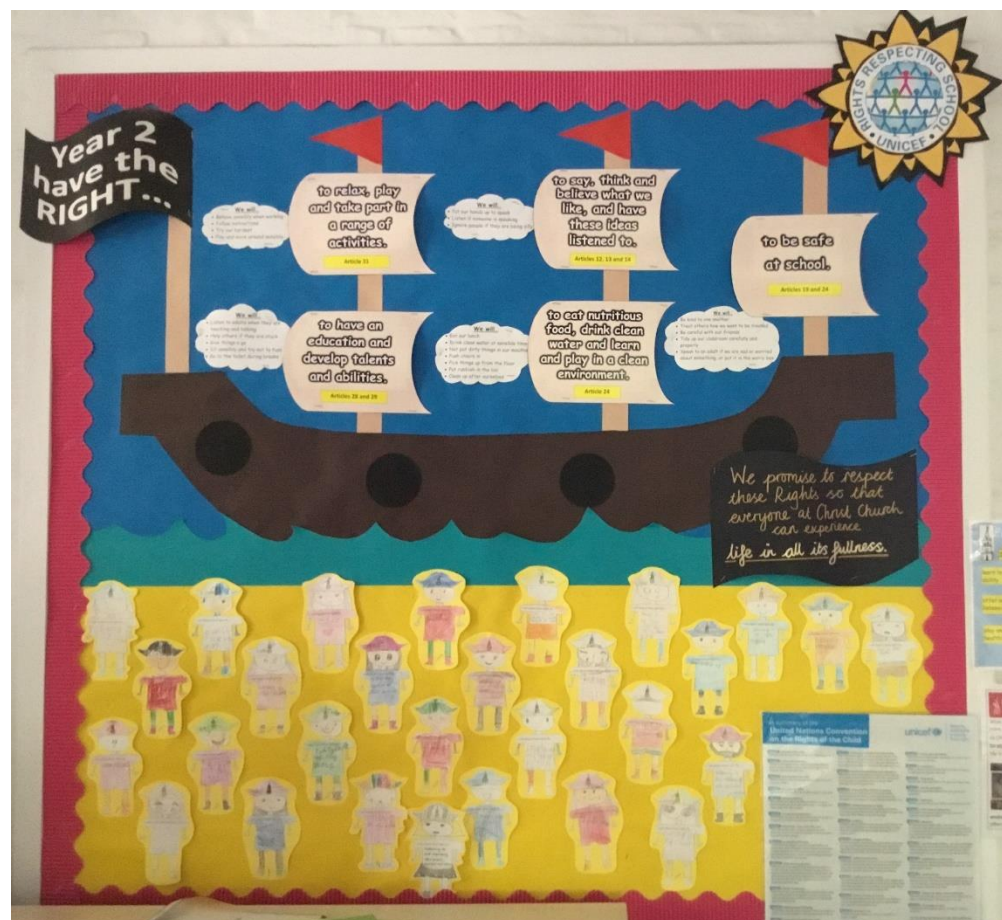
### Reminders

- Please ensure all school clothes are named to prevent items getting lost.
- If your child is absent from school, please phone the school office on the first day of absence and write a note on his/her return.
- Your child has been given a Christ Church water bottle. Please make sure your child's water bottle is in school every day.
- **In response to parent feedback, we no longer give out cakes, sweets or any food/non-food items which are sent in from home.**



# Christ Church School, Hampstead

A village school in London inspiring *life in all its fullness*



# Welcome to Year 2 Autumn Term 2019



# Year Two

Class Teacher: Mr Polidano and Miss Bolton

Support Staff: Miss Jones, Miss Heaton and Miss Jess

Other adults working with Y2: Mr Spadaccini (PE), Miss James (music) and Mr Chelaru (French)

Welcome to Year 2 and to a new and exciting school year.

We hope you all had a wonderful summer. This letter outlines our class topics, trips and general information for this term. All the staff in Year 2 are very much looking forward to working with you and your child this year. If you have any worries or concerns, or would like further information about this term's curriculum, please do not hesitate to book an appointment to discuss these with us.

Kind regards,

Mr David Polidano and Miss Sarah Bolton



Our rich and varied curriculum is one of the ways we aim to inspire life in all its fullness in our school.

## Our Christian Vision

We were asked to summarise our school's Christian vision in under 50 words and this is what we came up with:

*Jesus, The Good Shepherd, promises 'life in all its fullness'.  
(JOHN 10:10)*

**At Christ Church we believe every child and adult in our school should be able both to experience life in all its fullness now and to aspire to life in all its fullness in the future.**

## English



English will be taught through a range of genres this term including poetry, stories with familiar settings and information texts. The children will revise and consolidate their weekly spellings and will be continuing to develop their cursive handwriting style.

## Maths



We will be covering a range of topics:

- Odd and even numbers
- Place value
- Greater than (>) and less than (<)
- Rounding numbers
- Interpreting data
- Measures
- Mental strategies

## Computing



This term we will focus on algorithms and coding using BeeBots. We will also publish postcards when we are learning about them in English lessons.

## RE



Why is it good to listen to and remember the stories Jesus told? - Key focus will be on the parables Jesus taught us and what they can teach Christians.

What are God's rules for living?

We will learn about how the ten commandments help Christians in their lives.

Where is the Light of Christmas?

Our Christmas unit will focus on the light of Christmas, and Jesus as the light of the world. Children will also write recounts and do artwork linked to Christmas and the Nativity story.

## History



**Florence Nightingale** - We will be examining her life and influence on nursing and the progression of medicine. We will be visiting the Florence Nightingale Museum as part of our work on this topic.

**Great Fire Of London** - We will start to think about when and where the fire happened, how it started, and the importance of eye-witnesses.

## Geography



**Australia** - different areas of Australia, physical features, Aboriginal Australia and Australian animals. We will be comparing these features to areas in the UK. **Locational Language and Geographical Skills** - naming and locating seven continents and countries in the UK. Using simple compass directions and location and directional language.

## PSHE



Our PSHE week takes place during the week commencing Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 and will focus on positive relationships (including anti-bullying) and celebrating diversity. In Year 2 we will be learning about ourselves and others, celebrating differences, and how things we do can have an effect on other people.

## PE



Our focus in PE this term is on ball skills, working collectively as a team, using large and small ball skills in team games, learning different game strategies and developing our communication skills.

## Music



We will be designing and making our own instruments with friends. We will also be exploring sounds and how sounds are made before bringing all our research together in our new creations. To finish the topic, we will be playing them together as a brand new orchestra!

## Art



Children will do a range of pieces using different materials and techniques, including linked to our topic on Australia. We will also be creating artwork inspired by our local area for our Arts Project this term.

## Design Technology

We will be linking DT to some of our topics this term - planning, creating and evaluating projects.

Please see the reverse for general reminders and some key dates!