

General Information and Reminders

PE

PE will take place on Fridays. 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/Virtual Visits

Florence Nightingale Museum - Tuesday 2nd November

Homework

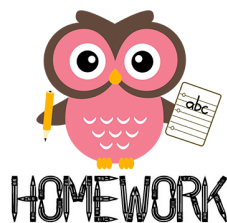
Homework will be sent home on Thursdays and is due back the following Tuesday.

Spellings and mental maths will be sent home on *Thursday* and tested on *Tuesday*.

Homework will cover a range of tasks and subjects over the term.

In addition, children will be expected to read regularly and learn weekly spellings and mental maths.

If you feel that your child has spent sufficient time on his/her homework but has not finished the work set that is fine. We all work at different levels, so ensure your child achieves what is appropriate for his/her ability.



Class assembly

Our class assembly this term will take place on Friday 12th November. 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. Your child has been given a Christ Church water bottle. Please make sure your child's water bottle is in school every day.
- **Please do not send sweets or any food/non-food items into school to celebrate birthdays, we are unable to hand these out to the other children in the class. Thank you.**



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Autumn Term 2021

Welcome to Year 2



Year Two

Class Teacher: Miss Dalton

Support Staff: Miss Jess, Miss Foster

Other adults working with Y2: Mr Oliver (Music), Mr Spadaccini (PE), Ms Pagalia (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 me. Kind regards,
Gemma Dalton

Happiness Project

Throughout the autumn term, we will be running our whole school Happiness Project. We have been running our Happiness Project successfully for a number of years in different formats but this year we intend to cover the weekly themes in more detail. Some of the themes (which all aim to promote positive mental health and wellbeing) you will hear your child talking about are: giving, celebrating difference, resilience, simplicity and trying something new. We are also going to link our Autumn Christ Church Arts Project (CAP) to these themes, so keep an eye out for our amazing art work and our eagerly anticipated calendar!

English



English will be taught through the topics of Stories in familiar settings, Letters and postcards, and Poetry based on a particular poet. We will work on a range of spelling, punctuation, grammar and reading skills through learning related to these genres. We will also recap Phase 5 phonics and move towards spelling and grammar. We will take part in lots of speaking and listening and drama activities as we prepare for our Nativity play before Christmas.

Maths



We will be covering a range of topics:

- Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Measures
- Multiplication and division

- Shape and Data

We will also start weekly times tables tests later in the term.

Computing



This term we will focus on algorithms and coding using BeeBots and RodoCodo. 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.
Why are Saints important to Christians? - We will learn about what Saints are, who some of them are, what some key characteristics of Saints might be, and how we can be more saintly in our 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 think about why Florence is a significant historical figure, think about how we can learn about her achievements, and consider how she changed nursing for the better (looking at things we still do even now).
Great Fire of London - We will look at different historical sources and what we can learn from them. We will also consider lasting changes that were made due to the fire.

Geography



Are places different around the world? - We will name and locate the seven continents, five oceans and study human and physical characteristics of the United Kingdom. We will also compare the UK to a contrasting location (Australia) and think about similarities and differences between them.

PSHE



Our PSHE topics match well with our Happiness Project, this means we will have two PSHE weeks. The first will take place week commencing 8th November 2021, focusing on positive relationships. In year 2 we will be learning about how to ask for help if a friendship is troubling them as well as the importance of privacy. Our second will be the week after focusing on diversity and we will be learning about difference with others.

PE



Athletics - mastering basic movements such as running, jumping, throwing and catching, kicking and striking, as well as developing balance, agility and coordination. They will begin to apply these in a range of activities and cooperative games, developing simple tactics for attacking and defending.

Music



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 Happiness Project for our Arts Project this term.

Design Technology

Levers and sliders - we will design and create Christmas cards, looking at how levers and sliders can be used to create moving mechanisms. We will then evaluate our designs and finished products.

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