

General Class Information

Mr Forrester will support the class for all areas of leaning this half term.

Reading diaries

Please ensure that your child is heard reading at least **three times a week**. This needs to be recorded in their Home/School reading diaries. Accelerated Reader recommends that children should read for 30 minutes per day for maximum progress.

Spellings

Spellings will be given out on Wednesday and then tested the following Wednesday.

PE

Please ensure that PE kits are in school all week. Correct P.E uniform for this is a navy blue t-shirt and navy blue shorts. Children will be carrying out activities at times outside and are advised to wear trainers if possible. Our weekly PE days will be Monday and Wednesday.

Here at St John the Evangelist's, we have an open door policy and if you would ever like to see us then please make an appointment with the school office.

Yours sincerely
Mr Smith



Exploring characters of the Old Testament Stories and Prayers



Class: Year Two
Term: Autumn Term 2023

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back! Below is a brief outline of what we will be learning in each subject during the first part of our Autumn Term.

Values and Virtues

This half term our values and virtues theme is being Compassionate and Loving. Children will learn about being grateful towards understanding the Word of God and how we can make a difference to those around us through our thinking and actions. They will understand how good it is to be generous in their daily lives and the importance of participation in class discussions in RE. We will also be looking at the importance of determination when following through on their thoughts, prayers and pledges towards being a better Christian.

Religious Education

In RE this term, children will be exploring the Old Testament stories in more depth, posing and pondering questions about what it means to be a friend of God. They will particularly focus on how they have a responsibility to live out their lives in the image of God by using their talents. The children will have the opportunity to lead times of Collective Worship and Class based liturgy.

English

Our focus text for this half term is *The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark*, by Jill Hodgkinson. Throughout the topic, we will look at non-chronological report writing and poetry. Our class targets in literacy are:
Writing - to use capital letters and full stops effectively. To use appropriate and relevant adjectives where necessary
Reading - To make predictions for our class text and also show empathy with the main character as he strives to overcome his fears.

Maths

In maths, we will look at place value and addition and subtraction. We will also continue to develop our mental strategies. Partitioning will be a key skill developed with Place Value, using different visual representations

Science

This half-term, we will be learning about Living things and their habitats. The children will investigate what type of animals live in varying conditions and explore light, temperature and noise variables as reasons why certain animals might have a particular habitat.

P.E

This half-term, Year 2 will be developing their key skills of invasion games, including Hockey. The children will also begin to play group games and continue to refine throwing and catching skills. Please ensure children have the correct P.E for indoor and outdoor lessons. Our P.E. lessons will be on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Art

During this half term Year Two will be exploring the natural world in their art work, taking inspiration from the artist Andy Goldsworthy. The children will also learn to use a range of different types of materials.

Geography

This half term, we will be developing our mapping skills—both on a local level, within our own school and local area and further afield analysing maps of the UK, Europe and the World.

PSHE

In PSHE, Year 2 will be working in teams to develop their understanding of the importance of different roles in teamwork. They will learn how it is important to remember that there are a variety of different roles and not just leaders who take control.

Computing

In Computing we will be learning about the importance of Online Safety in our ever changing modern technological world.