

### General Class Information

We're all so proud of the children in Year 2. They have settled well into life in Year 2 -it's like they've been there ages! . We're looking forward to what the next half term brings.

Mrs Lovatt will continue to support the class every morning from Monday to Thursday. She will also lead on a Monday and Tuesday afternoon to allow myself to carry out my management responsibilities. Mrs Niewiadomski will be working with the Year 2 children every afternoon (45 minutes) to assist with interventions. We also have our Associate teacher, Miss Oakes who is working in the class Monday to Wednesday. She has been teaching some lessons over the last half term. Her teaching responsibility will be building up over the next 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 reading diaries. If your child reads 3 or more times a week (Monday-Monday) then they will be entered into our weekly 'In it to win it' draw. This incentive continues to work effectively with at least 75% of the children reading more than 4 times a week. Keep up the super reading attitude Year 2. You should all be very proud of yourselves for your reading achievements.

### Spellings

Spellings will be given during spellings lessons on a Friday. They will bring these home to practise. The spelling booklets do not have to be returned to school. The children will complete dictation sentences containing the learnt spelling words on the following Friday.

### PE

PE lessons for Year 2 will take place every Wednesday with Mr Sigley. The children need to make sure that they have their PE clothes (plain white t-shirt (no motif), blue shorts/tracksuit trousers and trainers) in school every Wednesday.

### Homework

All of the children have a blue Maths book and a red vocabulary book.

Maths—each day your child will have 4 number sentences (sometimes more by request of the children!) to find the answers to. These need to be completed at home and returned to school every day. Please encourage your child to work out the answers independently.

Vocabulary—Your child will be given 5 words on a Friday. Please discuss the meaning of these words with your child and help them to write the word into a sentence. The aim is to complete 1 sentence per night at home (Monday-Friday). The children in Year 2 will also receive a piece of weekly homework every Thursday. This will be based on something that the children have been learning in class that week. Please return this piece of completed homework to school by Wednesday.

At St John the Evangelist we have an open door policy and if you would ever like to see me then please make an appointment with the school office or contact me on the email below:

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Mrs Meakin

## St John the Evangelist Catholic Academy



# The Great Fire of London



**Year 2**  
**Autumn Term**  
(2nd half)  
**2021**

## WELCOME BACK

Welcome back! We hope that you've had a lovely half term break and have had a well deserved rest. Below is a brief outline of what we will be learning in each subject during the second part of our Autumn Term.

### Religious Education

In RE this half term the children will start by looking at the unit of 'Sharing in the Life of Jesus: Mary, the Disciples, Saints and Us.' The children will learn about the life of Jesus and Mary and the call of the disciples. They will learn about the Rosary being a special form of Christian prayer. We will be learning about what a saint is and about the lives of different saints. The children will learn about the importance of prayer and take part in moments of stillness and prayer.

The children will also be learning about the season of 'Advent.' They will learn about the Advent wreath and explain why it is a symbol of preparation for Christmas. We will discuss how the parish prepares for Christmas.

The unit of 'Christmas' will be covered at the end of this half term where the children will sequence the Christmas story and understand some of the difficulties faced by Mary and Joseph and why their journeys to Bethlehem and Egypt were necessary.

### Literacy

In our Literacy lessons over the next half term we will be looking at the text 'Vlad and the Great Fire of London.' Each week the children will be taking part in whole class reading sessions where they will be using various reading techniques e.g. choral reading, echo reading, reading independently. We will be carrying out some reading activities based on this text.

We will also be looking at instruction writing and diary writing. In our instruction writing we will be studying recipes and how they are written. We will then be writing our own instructions and following them to make milkshakes and pizzas.

Our diary writing will be based on the Great Fire of London and inspired by Samuel Pepys diary writing.

Our SPAG lessons will focus on verbs (bossy), writing commands and using commas in a list.

### PSHE

Our topic for this half term is 'Celebrating Differences.'

### D&T

This half term our topic is 'Food.' We will be following a recipe to make something and we will also be making a product (box/packaging) to hold our creation. The children will be weighing ingredients to use in a recipe, describing the ingredients used when making a dish or a cake, measuring materials to use in a model or structure **and** joining materials and components in different ways.

### Maths

In maths we will be looking at addition and subtraction. The children will recall addition and subtraction facts to 20 fluently, and derive and use related number facts to 100. We will learn that addition of 2 numbers can be done in any order and subtraction of one number from another cannot. We will learn to recognise the inverse relationships between addition and subtraction and use this to check calculations and to solve problems. We will continue to practise our times tables (x2, x5, x10) on a daily basis and will begin to learn our x3 and x4 times tables.

We will also be looking at measures—using a ruler to measure metric lengths.

### Science

This half-term, we will be investigating 'Living things, including humans.'

The children will be learning that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults. We will be finding out about and describing the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air).

The children will learn about the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amount of different types of food, and hygiene.

### P.E

This half-term, Year 2 will be having their PE lesson on a Wednesday with Mr Sigley.

### History

Our topic this half term is 'The Great Fire of London.' The children will be learning about how and where the fire started, why it spread so fast, the fire brigade in the past, the changes in London, the diary of Samuel Pepys and about the re-building of London. We will also (hopefully) be staging our own 'Great Fire.'

### Music

Music will be taught this half term every Thursday morning by our music specialist Mrs Amison.

### Computing

This half term our unit is called 'Using the Internet.' We will be looking at how to search for things on the internet how to use the internet safely.