

General Class Information

I hope that you've had a lovely break—it was definitely well deserved. Last half term wasn't an easy one but you were all super and coped with the changes well—I'm very proud of you all! 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 to assist with interventions.

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 for the chance to win a prize.

Spellings

Spellings will be given during spellings lessons on a Thursday. 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 Thursday. Spelling is such a key component now in your child's writing. There are quite a high number of children who are not practising their spellings on a weekly basis and this is having an impact on their attainment in writing. Please support your child with practising their spellings.

PE

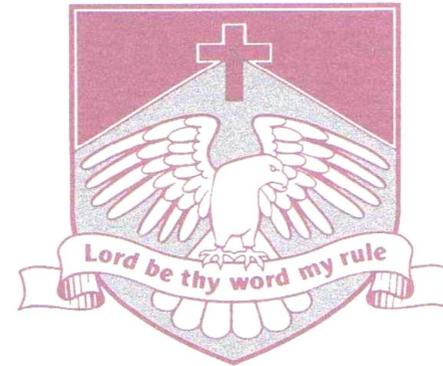
PE lessons for Year 2 will take place every Monday. The children need to come to school on a Monday in their PE clothes (plain white t-shirt (no motif), blue shorts and trainers).

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 answer 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 Monday. 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).

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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Thank you for your support,
Mrs Meakin

St John the Evangelist Catholic Academy



The Potteries in Action!



Year 2

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back! We hope that you've 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 Spring Term.

Religious Education

In RE this half term the children will begin by looking at the unit 'Special Celebrations.' The children will be learning about the seasons of the Liturgical year and will learn about the customs and symbols associated with them. The children will learn that Sacraments are special celebrations and they will identify some of the rituals that take place in Baptism and Marriage. We will then move onto the unit of 'Lent.' The children will learn about the importance of Jesus' teaching about forgiveness and will be able to express the difficulties associated with being a forgiving person. We will be looking at how we experience forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will then move onto the unit of 'Holy Week' where the children will sequence the events of Holy Week. They will learn about why Christians praise and thank Jesus today. We will be looking at the words and actions of Jesus at the Last Supper and reflect on his suffering and death.

Literacy

Our focus texts for this half term are 'Traction Man is Here,' 'and 'The Giraffe, the Pelly and Me.' Throughout the topic we will look at character descriptions, comic strips and imaginary texts/stories.

Our class text that I will be sharing with the children on a daily basis will be Flat Stanley. Later on in the half term, the children will be writing their own narratives/imaginary story based on this text.

We will be having daily whole class reading sessions where we will be studying the book 'Traction Man is Here.' We will then move onto 'The Giraffe, the Pelly and Me.' The children have enjoyed our daily whole class reading sessions and are developing their skills of how to look deeper into a book.

In our SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) sessions we will be looking at verbs, expanded noun phrases, apostrophes, commas, suffixes, conjunctions, word order, capital letters, full stops and past and present tense.

PSHE

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

Computing

Our topic for this half term is Presentation Skills.' The children will be learning skills concerning the use of folders, searching for files and printing. The lessons introduce children to presentations and teach the skills needed to create a simple presentation.

Maths

In maths we will be looking at Shape, This will include identifying and describing the properties of 2-D and 3-D shapes, including the number of sides/edges, vertices and faces and line symmetry in a vertical line. The children will learn to identify 2-D shapes on the surface of 3-D shapes, [for example, a circle on a cylinder and a triangle on a pyramid]. They will compare and sort common 2-D and 3-D shapes and everyday objects. The children will be completing a unit on fractions where they will find fractions of both shapes and numbers (1/2, 1/3, 1/4). We will continue to practise our times tables (x2, x5, x10) on a daily basis and also the related division facts.

Science

This half-term we will continue our topic on 'Plants.' We will be learning names of common trees and flowers and talking about the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees. We will be looking at the structure of plants and trees and using different media to represent this. Hopefully we will be able to go on a local walk to look at the trees and plants in our local environment. The children will be planting different seeds/bulbs and carrying out experiments by placing these in different surrounding/ environments. The children will monitor their progress closely on a daily basis. We will be looking at the life cycle of plants, different plant habitats and edible plants.

P.E

This half-term, Year 2 will be having 2 sessions of PE per week. With Mrs Lovatt on a Monday they will focusing on 'Striking and Fielding.' Please ensure that the children have got their PE kit in school every Monday.

History

Our topic this half term is 'Our local area in the past.' The children will be looking at how Kidsgrove has changed from the past. We will be looking at how the canal was used in the past to support the pottery industry. The children will be learning about why our local area is called 'The Potteries' and about our pottery industry in the past. We will hopefully be able to visit a local Pot Bank.

Art

Our topic this term is 'Pottery.' We will be studying the works of local potters and designing and creating our own piece of pottery. The children will also be learning how to join 2 pinch pots together using clay.

Music

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