

Autumn 2021

Year 2 Newsletter

Welcome to a new school year!

REMINDERS:

- Year 2 doors will open in the mornings at 8:30 and the children finish at 3:10
- 2D, 2A and 2B will enter and exit via their classroom doors. 2P will enter through the classroom door but will exit via the corridor door onto the playground.
- Year 2 P.E. is on a **Tuesday Outdoor & Wednesday Indoor**. Please ensure your child comes to school in their P.E. kit. This can include a pair of black or blue tracksuit/jogging suit bottoms for the cooler months.
- Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled.

HOMEWORK:

- Your child will receive a half termly homework mat for English and Maths. The activities are to be completed over the half term and brought back to school signed in the last week of that term. These activities are a guide. Please adapt them to either support or challenge your child.
- The children will take home a school reading book each week on a **Friday** and will also have free choice from our class library.
- Spellings will be sent home, once a week on a **Friday**, for you to practise with your child. The children will have a spelling challenge every **Friday**.

CURRICULUM:

Throughout the term our topic will be the **Seaside**. We will also study **Non-chronological reports** towards the end of the first term. All class work including Geography, Art, Computing and DT will link to these topics. We will also be making and eating fruit smoothies!

Our Come and See topics will be:

- **Beginnings** (God is present in every beginning)
- **Signs and Symbols** (Baptism)
- **Preparing** (Advent)

Our English foci throughout this term will be: instructions, fiction texts, non-chronological reports, letters and poetry. It would be lovely if you could share a variety of seaside texts with your children at home or even have a trip to the seaside to collect materials and explore the surrounding areas!

Our Mathematics foci will be:

- place value, partitioning into tens and ones
- addition and subtraction
- doubling and halving
- multiplication and division
- 2D and 3D shapes

Our Science topic will be **Materials**.

During this topic we will be looking at the properties of a variety of materials and how materials are changed when either heated or cooled.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Talk to your child about our Come and See topics and their meaning. Any photographs or items relevant to our topics would be welcome as they enrich our class discussions
- Reading a variety of books with the children and discussing their purpose and features will support children's reading and English work
- Practise their weekly spellings with them and find the words in the books you read together
- Please return your reading scheme books on a weekly basis
- Playing number games involving counting forwards and backwards and also spotting number patterns will make Maths fun and will increase their confidence
- Please take a trip to Southport to explore the seaside resort and stroll down Lord Street observing the buildings.
- Watch Year 2 Maths and Phonics video on our website page for strategies used in class to support your child's learning
<https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/year-2>

KEY DATES:

Meet the Teacher - 22nd (late) & 23rd September
Harvest Festival - 21st October
2:30pm

Thank you for all your support.
The Year 2 Team