

YEAR 2 CLASS NEWSLETTER











AUTUMN 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to St Mary's! We hope that you and your family enjoyed a peaceful Summer break. The children have settled well into their new class and we are looking forward to our year of learning together. Your support in ensuring that your child completes their Home Learning every week will continue to help your child to make accelerated progress and reach their full potential.

Curriculum

We will continue our Maths and Literacy learning by building on the key skills that the children learned last year. Our topic this term is 'I am a Superhero!'. We will be delivering a lot of the learning in Science, History, Geography, Art and Design Technology through our topic, with links to the learning in Literacy and Maths. Below is an outline of what we will be covering in our curriculum.

English 	In English, we will be writing poems using a question and answer format inspired by 'What is Pink?' by Christina Rossetti. In addition, the children will be learning to use adjectives and similes to help their reader better picture what they are writing about. The children will also be learning to use full stops and question marks as necessary.
Phonics and Reading 	Phonics will be taught daily every morning and spellings to learn at home will be set as homework on a weekly basis. These will be tested each week. We will be reading daily as a class. Please ensure that you hear your child read every day and update their Reading Record. Children should bring their phonics books and Reading Records to school each day.
Maths 	This half term we will be focusing on numbers to 100 and place value in two digit numbers. We will be learning to count on and back in steps of 2,3,5 and 10. In the second half of the term we will building on our place value work to add and subtract. By the end of the term, the children will be expected to understand the value of each digit in a two digit number, know their number bonds to 10 and 20 and use these to help them add and subtract crossing the tens barrier.
RE 	In RE, we will be learning about the promises that Christians make in Baptism and Marriage. In the second half of the term, we will be learning the Nativity story and performing it for the school and our families.
Topic 	Our topic for the term is 'I am a Superhero!'. We will use this topic to investigate what humans need to stay healthy as well as materials in Science. We will also look at portrait and collage in Art and explore sewing in DT. In Geography, we will be learning to locate familiar places on a map. In History, we will be discussing the recent past and the present as well as looking at everyday superheroes in our lives.
values 	We will be focusing on the whole school values of Respect and Peace . We will be exploring these values throughout this term and children will have the opportunity to learn how these values can be displayed, referring to examples from Bible stories and influential figures.
Computing 	In Computing, we will be learning what personal information is and why we shouldn't share our personal information online. The children will also begin to learn how simple word processing software can be used to publish their work.
Music 	The children will be exploring vocal sounds to convey feeling and mood. They will be challenged to use this skill to perform a piece of poetry. They will also begin to develop a sense of steady beat.

Key Dates

- Mon 11th September – we will be launching our Harvest collection, please donate any non-perishable food items (tins, jars and packets) to support those most in need by 26th September.
- Fri 22nd September – Teddy Bear's Picnic at 1:30 in the garden of St Mary's Church.
- Tue 26th September – SCHOOL PHOTOS
- Wed 27th September 2PM – Harvest worship in Church.
- Mon 23rd – Fri 27th October – HALF TERM BREAK
- Thu 16th November – PARENTS EVENING
- Tue 28th November- Flu vaccinations
- Fri 17th November – SCHOOL CLOSED – Inset Day
- Fri 1st December- Greenwich Theatre Pantomime trip. School Fayre.
- Thu 7th December – Scholastic Book Fair
- Fri 8th December 1:30PM – KS1 Nativity Performance
- Wed 13th December- Christmas Jumper Day
- Tue 19th December – 1:00PM – End of Term

Key Reminders

- Please be on time at the beginning (8:40) and end (3:10) of the school day
- Please ring the school office if you have arranged for a new person to collect your child



PE

Please note that the children must wear the correct PE kit (plain navy blue/black jogging bottoms, plain white t-shirt and plain black plimsolls/trainers) to every PE lesson. Our PE coach, Mr Tientcheu, will lead the children in the PE curriculum alongside their teacher. **PE lessons will be on Tuesdays.**



Jewellery

We advise that the children do not wear **any** jewellery to school although watches and plain stud earrings are acceptable. Please bear in mind that if your child is wearing earrings they need to be able to remove them themselves for PE lessons.

Clothing

Please make sure that all of your child's items of clothing are clearly labelled with their names. This applies to all items of school uniform, PE kit and coats. School shoes should be plain and black.

Home Learning

Home Learning will be set on Friday and should be completed by Tuesday. In addition to the learning set, your children should be regularly practicing their times tables, spellings and reading every day. **There is a clear expectation that every child fully completes their Home Learning every week and we will be keeping a record and contacting parents where this is not the case.**

Reading

It is vital that your child reads to you every day. Please complete their reading journal and ensure that they bring it into school **daily**. Your child will be given books, which we will aim to change on a weekly basis. If you have any concerns or would like some support with this, then please contact the school.

Appointments - If you have any queries or wish to make an appointment, please ring the School office on 0208 6902613 or email admin@st-marys.lewisham.sch.uk

We greatly value your support with your child's learning.

Mrs. Davis (Class Teacher) Miss Mignemi (Teaching Assistant)