



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back, we hope you all had a relaxing week off and are ready for the term ahead. It's been lovely to see all the children settle so well into Year 2 and we hope that they are looking forward to the lead up the Christmas! Below is an overview of what will be covered in both classes this term.

### **Language, Oracy and Literacy**

We will begin with looking at stories with familiar settings, where the children will be reading, telling and writing a selection of stories with settings and themes that are familiar to them. Following this, the children will be studying poetry where they will learn how to read and respond to a range of poems with different pattern structures, and write their own Christmas poetry.

### **Mathematics**

We will working on: recognising, naming and writing fractions  $1/3$ ,  $1/4$ ,  $2/4$  and  $3/4$  of a shape; finding different combinations of coins to equal the same amounts of money; identifying and describing the properties of 2-D shapes, including the number of sides and edges; Identifying and describing the properties of 3-D shapes, including the number of vertices and faces; beginning to use the vertical method to add 2 digit numbers together.

### **Science and Technology**

Our Science and Technology topic this term is Plants. Children will observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. They will find out and describe what plants need to survive (water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy). Links will be made to art also, using our observation skills to describe and draw these changes.

### **Time and Place including ICT**

This term our topic is based on Navigation. In year 2, we have a lot of exciting activities planned including map reading, Google Maps, using a compass and treasure hunts.

### **Arts and Creativity**

Art this term will be mainly linked to our topic of Navigation, children will be making treasure maps and other 'Ancient Documents'. This term's music will be covered through our Christmas Production, where the children will learn to sing in unison, add instrumental accompaniments, and perform in front of an audience.

### **Physical and Emotional Health**

This term's focus is 'multi-skills' which are the key elements used in sport. This will include accurate control of movement and developing anticipation and reaction when working with beanbags, balls and rackets. Mrs Lucas will continue to provide year 2 with specialist dance lessons alongside coached lessons for 2C and PE lesson from Mr Bhadye (for 2B).

### **Faith and Belief**

This term's religion is Christianity in relation to Christmas. Children will work on open ended questions, such as: Was Jesus as a gift from God? Why did God give Jesus to the world?

### **Citizenship and Ethics**

This term's theme is 'Responsibilities'. The children will be learning about responsibilities they and other people have and the importance of them. During Circle Time discussions, we will be talking about getting on with our friends including how to look and sound friendly, and consider the qualities we look for and need to develop in order to have and be a good friend.

### **Homework**

Spellings will be given on a Monday and tested the following Monday. Other homework will be given on Wednesdays and Fridays. Homework will be generated by the needs of the children and so will not always be the same subject on the same day each week. The children will be tested regularly on their times tables, should you wish your child to be tested on a particular times table, please leave a note in their homework book. We would ask you to read with your child daily, please make sure that you sign and date your child's reading log when you have heard them read.

Below are a few useful websites you may wish to visit with your child:

[www.spellingcity.com](http://www.spellingcity.com) An excellent site, which allows you to input spellings, to help learn weekly spellings and spelling stars.

[www.ictgames.co.uk](http://www.ictgames.co.uk) This site has lots of literacy and mathematics games and is really child friendly.

[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk) This website has games for both Key Stage One and Two and has links to lots of websites to help with all aspects of mathematics.

[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com) This website has a range of phonics games and activities and also helps with reading skills too.

Kind regards

*Mrs S. Casey and Miss J Wetherell*