

# YEAR 2

# NEWSLETTER

## Autumn 2017



St Martin of Tours

Dear parents,

Firstly we want to take this opportunity to welcome you to the new academic year. Your Year 2 teachers are Miss Starkey and Mrs Connolly. Miss Starkey will be teaching on a Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and Mrs Connolly will be teaching on a Tuesday. Please feel free to talk to either of us about any queries or concerns you may have.

The following term is very important in building on the learning that took place in Year 1 and setting the foundations for the children to be able to make excellent progress this academic year.

This letter contains some information about the work the children will be doing during the Autumn Term. We hope you will find it both informative and useful.

### Maths

The children will be continuing to learn using the Maths No Problem scheme for learning.

They will be continuing with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division techniques.

They will also begin to learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables which will be assessed through the St Michael's Number Club.

### P.E.

PE lessons will be on Wednesday but **PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD HAS A COMPLETE PE KIT IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY.**

This term the children are going to focus on dance and gymnastics.

### English

We are starting a new spelling program where the children will have a short spelling lesson each morning, focusing on learning key spelling patterns.

As well as this, the children will be working on writing, reading comprehension, spelling, punctuation and grammar each morning.

Spelling tests will take place on a **Thursday** please ensure that home spelling books are in on this day for the new spellings to be glued in.

### Reading

Regular reading is very important to the children. The children will be heard read each week. During this we will be collecting and checking reading records to check the entire week's reading at home. Please use the child's reading diary to record when you have heard your child read. **It is important that all the children have their reading book and their reading record in school every day as the day in which they read with a member of staff will change weekly.**



## Science

This term our topic for science is 'Living Things And Their Habitats'. As always, please encourage your child to read or research this topic. They can always bring this work into school to share with the class.



## R.E.

This term our units will be: Our Church, Old Testament Stories and Prayers and Advent

## Topic

This term we will be focusing on the Great fire of London, Remembrance day and 'Britain and British Values'.

## Computing

Computing will continue to be taught alongside all curriculum subjects as well as a stand-alone session each week.

Our units will be: E-Safety, Digital Animator, Digital Programmer.

## REMINDERS

The children will receive one piece of written homework a week either a writing task, a comprehension task or a maths task. In addition to this they will have an online task to complete the weblink for this will be added into their homework books along with the written task.

If getting access to online tasks is a problem at home because you do not have access to the internet please let us know and we will do our best to arrange a suitable time in school for your child to carry out the activity.

**Homework will be set on Wednesdays to be handed in by the following Monday.** Children will also be set a home learning project later in the term.

All children will need to remember to bring a labelled water bottle daily so that they can drink water throughout the day.

We look forward to working together with you this year to make this a truly memorable year for your children.

Miss Starkey and Mrs Connolly