



St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

Year 2 Newsletter – Autumn 2

Homework & Spellings

Spellings and maths will be placed in their orange homework books weekly; please practise these with your child.

Complete the small tasks and bring your child's work back to school by Thursday every week, so I can see it has been completed and put new homework in. Spellings will be tested on a Friday. Thank you!

Reading: Please **read with your child EVERY day** and comment in their yellow reading book how they did. Please bring the phonics books back and their reading book back every day.

Please bring bookbags to school every day. No rucksacks please.

Important Diary Dates

- 7th Nov - School opens for Autumn 2
- 1st Dec – Advent Wreath Blessing 11am (**please join us**)
- 5th Dec – Advent Mass at St Anthony's church 10am
- 7th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day
- 13th Dec – Y1 & 2 Christmas Disco 3:30-4:30pm
- 15th Dec – Y1/2 Advent Assembly
- 18th Dec - Carol Service in Church - 2pm
- 20th Dec – Santa visiting
- 22nd Dec - School closes for Christmas **at 2pm**

Year 2 Staff

- Miss Kerrigan – Class teacher
- Miss Durkan – Class teacher on Wednesdays
- Mrs Ali – Teaching Support

Dear Parents/ Carers,

A very warm welcome back to all Year 2 children and families. I hope you all had a lovely half term break and are ready for the lead up to Christmas. I am very excited for the new learning this half term will bring. If you have any questions or concerns, please make use of the class email address which you can use to contact myself: year2@bsf-leeds.co.uk. Alternatively, you can catch me on the door at the start and end of the day. I look forward to continuing to work with you all this year and ensuring your children reach their full potential. Thank you, for your ongoing support.

Miss Kerrigan

RE: In RE this term, we are exploring the Mysteries of God and will have the opportunity to know that there are three persons in one God and that we can think of God in different ways.

Writing: The Night Gardener - we will be learning how to write a setting narrative using this text and about the features of diaries and how we can include these in our own writing.

Reading: This half term we are exploring fairy stories & classic poetry. We will be developing our reading skills through The Glassmaker's Daughter, The Owl and the Pussycat, The Secret of the Tattered Shoes and Once Upon a Wild Wood.

Maths: We will be focusing on addition and subtraction. The children will become fluent in recalling their number bonds to 10 and 20, as this will improve their efficiency and reduce cognitive load when completing calculations with greater numbers later in the term. We then move onto the shape unit where we will recognise, draw and sort 2D shapes as well as discover the properties of 3D shapes.

PSHE: In PSHE we will be Celebrating difference. We will begin to explore stereotypes and will explore the meaning of bullying and what we can do if we feel someone is being bullied. We will also celebrate that we are different from our friends and this makes us unique.

PE: The 'Duel, Win, Lose' learning theme provides an introduction to the concepts of competition. The children will learn how to cope with success and failure whilst participating in a range of activities. PE will be on Monday please come to school in your PE Kit on this day.

Science: We will explore basic materials and identify objects that are made from natural, manmade and recyclable materials.

History: This term we will be learning about Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. We will learn about why they are famous and what they did in history.

DT: In DT this term we will be exploring homes and identifying different types of houses including their shapes and features.

Computing: In computing we will develop the children's understanding of a range of tools used for digital painting. They then use these tools to create their own digital paintings, while gaining inspiration from a range of artists' work.

RSE: Created to Love Others explores the children's relationship with others. Building on the understanding that we have been created out of love and for love, this topic explores how we take this calling into our family, friendships and relationships, and teaches strategies for developing healthy relationships and keeping safe both online and in our daily lives.

School Golden Rules

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2. Be respectful
3. Be safe



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RE Newsletter 2



Dear Parents,

The dark nights have certainly found their way back to us and we return from half term to the month of November – a time to remember those who have gone before us into the loving embrace of God.

We also find ourselves moving towards the season of Advent when we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Son of God, at Christmas.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

In this issue of the newsletter you will find what your child is learning about in each year group. We hope you find this newsletter of interest and as always, please keep us in your prayers as we continue to support your children in their religious education.

Dates from the Church’s calendar:

1 st	November	All Saints’	30 th	Nov	St Andrew, Apostle
2 nd	November	All Souls	3 rd	Dec	First Sunday of Advent
3 rd	November	St. Winefride	6 th	Dec	St. Nicholas
11 th	November	St. Martin of Tours	8 th	Dec	Immaculate Conception of Mary
21 st	November	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10 th	Dec	Second Sunday of Advent
			17 th	Dec	Third Sunday of Advent
22 nd	November	St Cecilia	24 th	Dec	Christmas Eve
26 th	November	Christ the King	25 th	Dec	Nativity of the Lord Jesus

The cycle of prayer during Advent and Christmas: *Openness to the Word of God; Migrants and Refugees; Expectant Mothers.*

Year 2 - Mysteries

“God is one and God is Three, a Trinity of persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit”

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The children will learn about and reflect on mysteries. They will be encouraged to say and reflect on what they wonder about. The children will learn that there are three persons in one God and that we can experience God in three different ways as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

They will learn about and reflect on God’s choice of Mary and Joseph and know that Jesus is God’s gift to the whole world.

At home

You could help your children by:

- reminding them, as they make the sign of the cross, that God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- reading the Christmas story and encourage them to ask questions.

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