



Year 2 NEWSLETTER – Spring 2

Homework

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 **Tuesday**. Thank you!

Reading: Please **read with your child EVERY day**, comment in their yellow reading book. Please bring the phonics books back and their reading book back every day. Complete **phonics QR code videos** at home. Please bring bookbags to school every day. No rucksacks please.

Important Diary Dates

21st Feb - Parent consultations
6th March - World book day 1
7th March - World book day 2
28th March - KS1 Easter celebration 1PM
28th March - Break up for Easter at 2PM

Year 2 staff

Teacher: Miss Durkan

Teaching Support: Mrs Ali & Miss Diakaki

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school! I do hope you have enjoyed some special family time this week. I am very proud of our Year 2 children and their progress last half term and looking forward to another half term full of learning and adventure and reflection, as we enter the wonderful season of Lent

God bless you and your families
Miss Durkan

RE: The Mass (Lent & Easter) - We will learn about Holy Mass. The different parts of the Mass, prayers & the objects used.

English: Writing – Grandads Island by Benji Davies. We will be learning about return narrative writing and information text through this fantastically illustrative book

Maths: In Maths, we will be focusing on multiplication and division.

PSHE: Healthy Me. Learning how to make healthy choices not only with the things we eat but how we look after our bodies as well as keeping our relationships healthy too and our minds.

Science: Living things and their habitats. We will be learning about identifying, classifying and grouping living things.

History: Intrepid Explorers. Children will learn and compare the lives of Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong and learnt about their explorations in the world.

Art/DT: Henri Rousseau – exploring his art and the features of his work.

Computing: Digital Photography

RSE: Created to love others - explores the individual. Rooted in the teaching that we are created by God out of love and for love.

PE: Inspire, Create, reform- learn the skills of movement, making movement decisions through dance. PE will be on Monday, please come to school in your PE Kit on this day.

Warmest Wishes and May God bless you All
Miss Durkan

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RE Newsletter Spring 2 *The Season of Lent*

Dear Parents,

20th Feb – 31st March 2024

The word Lent comes from an old English word that means 'lengthen' and refers to the turning of Winter into Spring when the days lengthen and the cycle of life is renewed once more. There is more sunlight, birdsong is more noticeable, spring bulbs are in bloom and trees are beginning to show signs of coming to life. These signs of new life are echoed in the season of Lent through which the Church bids us to reawaken and refocus on tending to the Lord who calls us 'come back to me, with all your heart'. The journey of Lent is a journey towards the new way of living that Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, promised to us through the power of our most celebrated season – Easter.

We tend to celebrate Christmas as if it's the most important time in the Church's year, but the Resurrection of Jesus is the most important event for Christians. When Christians say that their hope is in the risen Jesus, they mean it is their greatest hope. When Jesus rose on the first Easter morning, it was a brand new kind of life. He promises this same life to all who hope in him. No wonder that Easter is the greatest feast!

Special intentions for our prayers from the Church's prayer cycle for Lent:

Candidates for the sacraments; the needy and the hungry of the world; Women; Penitents and Wanderers

Dates from the Church's calendar:

21 st February	Shrove Tuesday	20 th March	St Joseph, Husband of Mary
2 nd February	Ash Wednesday	25 th March	The Annunciation
26 th February	First Sunday of Lent	26 th March	Fifth Sunday of Lent
1 st March	St David, Patron of Wales		Holy Week
5 th March	Second Sunday of Lent	2 nd April	Palm Sunday
12 th March	Third Sunday of Lent	6 th April	Holy Thursday
17 th March	St Patrick, Patron of Ireland	7 th April	Good Friday
19 th March	Fourth Sunday of Lent	9 th April	Easter Sunday

Year 2 – The Mass

"In the Eucharist we receive him as our life and food, a promise of the eternal banquet of heaven. At the heart of the Eucharistic celebration are the bread and wine that becomes in reality Christ's Body and Blood. Catholic faith adores this enduring presence of Christ not only within the celebration of the Mass but also outside it."

Religious Education Curriculum Directory

Year 2 will learn and reflect on the importance of the celebration of the Mass. They will learn about the readings at Mass and why we should listen to them, and learn that at the Offertory we offer gifts to God. They will also

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St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

appreciate that at the Consecration the bread and wine are changed into Jesus' Body and Blood.

At Home

You could help your children by:

- reading some bible stories with them
- encouraging them to attend 'Children's liturgy' during Sunday Mass

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