



Year 2 NEWSLETTER – Summer 1

Homework

Spellings, maths and reading 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 mark it with the children and put new homework in.

Spellings will be tested on a **Tuesday**. Thank you!

Reading: Please **read with your child EVERY day** and **comment in their yellow reading book every time you read** with them. Please bring the phonics books back every day and especially on a Friday so we can change the books. Complete **phonics QR code videos** at home.

Important Diary Dates

8 th April	- Back to school
12 th April	- Culture Day
30 th April	- Tennis Taster session
3 rd May	- Y2 Collective Worship
10 th May	- Y2 & 6 Class Mass
16 th May	- Census Day
24 th May	- 2PM May procession

Year 2 staff

Teacher: Miss Durkan and Miss Wade (every Tues)

Teaching Support: Mrs Ali & Miss Diakaki

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school! I do hope you have enjoyed some special family time over the break and managed to enjoy the outdoors! I am very proud of our Year 2 children and their progress last half term (especially in their phonics) and I look forward to another half term full of learning and adventure!

God bless you and your families.
Miss Durkan

RE: Eastertide - we will learn about celebrating Easter, what happened in the Easter story after Jesus rose from the dead. We will also start to understand The Ascension and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

English: Writing – The King Who Banned the Dark by Emily Haworth-Booth. We will be learning to write a persuasive letter and a banning narrative through this creative and fantastically illustrated book.

Maths: In Maths, we will be focusing on Fractions, Statistics and Time.

PSHE: Relationships. Learning how to make healthy relationships and friendships, incl. family. We will be discussing how to appropriately show people that we care and love them through kind hands and words.

Science: Plants and what they need in order to grow. We will be exploring different temperatures and how this will affect how well a plant can grow.

History: The Great Fire of London. The children will be learning where/how the fire started, why it spread so quickly and will begin to explore Samuel Pepys' diary.

Art/DT: Sparks and Flames

Computing: Programming – Robot Algorithms

RSE: Created to Live in Community explores the individual's relationship with the wider world.

PE: React, Roll, Retrieve - learn the skills of development of movement speed, as well as skills related to striking and fielding games.

PE will be on Monday, please come to school in your PE Kit on this day.

School Golden Rules

1. Be ready
2. Be safe
3. Be respectful



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Eastertide

Dear Parents,

The Church is celebrating the great feast of Easter – Jesus risen from the dead. This celebration goes on until the solemnity of Pentecost (Sunday 5th June), the birthday of the Church. At Pentecost we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit who empowers and enables us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. During this term the Church dedicates the month of May to Mary, Jesus’ mother.

We hope, as always, you find this newsletter interesting and informative. Please keep us in your prayers as we keep you in our prayers, especially at this time.

Prayer Cycle of the Church for Eastertide: *New Members of the Church, Vocations, Human Work, The Right Use of the Media, The Church*

Dates from the Church’s calendar:

25th April	St. Mark, Evangelist	14th May	St. Matthias, Apostle
26th April	St. George, Patron of England	19th May	Pentecost Sunday
29th April	St. Catherine of Siena, Patron of Europe	25th May	St. Bede, Doctor of the Church
3rd May	St. Philip and James, Apostles	27th May	St Augustine of Canterbury
4th May	English Martyrs	30th May	Yorkshire Martyrs
9th May	Ascension Day	31st May	The Visitation of Mary

Year 2 –Eastertide

“It is the Holy Spirit who forms and guides God’s people to know God and enter into communion with God through Jesus Christ.”

Religious Education Curriculum Directory

Year 2 will learn that Jesus rose from the dead and still lives with us. They will learn that Jesus told his disciples that he would go back to Heaven but promised that the Holy Spirit would come. They will learn that Jesus ascended into Heaven and promised to return again and that this gives us hope. They will also know the story of the coming of the Holy Spirit on the apostles at Pentecost and know that the Holy Spirit is promised to us.

At Home

You could help your children by:

- talking about how the Holy Spirit helps us
- having a close look at the Paschal (Easter) Candle when at Mass



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