

Y2 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2019



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to St. Vincent's Primary School and into Year 2 – a year full of new responsibilities and exciting challenges. The children have already settled in to the new school year really well and are getting used to their new teachers and classrooms. Our ultimate aim is to give children the confidence and resilience in order to become an independent learner within a fun and stimulating environment. Here is some useful information about the Autumn term:

Homework

- **Reading** – Independent Reading to be sent home twice weekly on Tuesday/Thursday.
- **Spelling** – Your child will be given a list of ten spellings to consolidate their learning from the previous year and to cover the Year 2 spelling appendix. The words will go home on a sheet in their spelling folder. There is a weekly spelling test each Tuesday and the new words will go out the following day on the Wednesday.
- **Times Tables** - Your child will bring home a Times Tables book with multiplication tables to learn. The revision sheet will be changed termly. This term we will focus on the 2 times table before the half term and the 5 times table following the half term break. There will be a brief test each Thursday (starting on Thursday 19th September). The children will be asked 14 questions, in a random order, from the times table.
- **Homework sheet** - To support classroom learning, there will be maths or reading comprehension activity on alternate weeks. This activity can be found in your child's homework book. This will be handed out each Friday and should be handed in by Wednesday the following week.

PE

- **Gymnastics/Yoga/Ball Skills** - Sessions will take place on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** afternoons.

Please ensure that your child has full PE kit each week and that all items of uniform are clearly labelled. If at any time you wish your child needs to be exempt from a PE lesson for medical reasons a letter must be sent.

Topics for Autumn Term

We have lots of exciting topics that we will be studying across our foundation subjects. The children will be given the opportunity to let their teachers know what they would like to learn within these topics, and our lessons will aim to find the answers to these questions.

- **RE** – The Chosen People and Mysteries
- **Geography** – Where in the World?/Continents and Oceans
- **History** – Great Fire of London
- **Science** – Our Changing World and Taking Care/Habitats and Plants

- **Art / DT** – ‘Colour Chaos’ using various materials to explore colour based on the works of a number of artists (Rothko, Modrian, Klee, Pollock, Delaunay and Kandinsky)
- **Computing** – Programming and Games Testing
- **Music** – Old School Hip Hop and Christmas Songs.
- **PE** – Ball skills, Hockey & Fitness
- **Creative Writing** – Traditional Tales, Spooky Stories and Winter Wonderland themes.
- **PSHE** – Being Me in My World; Celebrating Difference; Friendship and Anti-Bullying themes

Please encourage your child to bring in any items of interest related to the above topics.

Copies of areas to be covered in English and Maths are available to be viewed on our school website.

Other Information

On Thursday afternoons, the children will participate in specialist teaching sessions in Computing, Music and PE led by Mrs Patiniott, Mrs Mackenzie and the Soccerwise coaching staff.

Thank you for your anticipated support and we look forward to meeting you all in the next few weeks.

Mrs Sutton, Mrs Maguire, Miss Campbell and Mr Sands