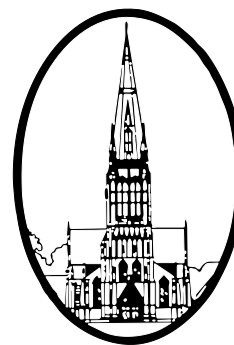


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*'Through God's love, we strive to be
 the best we can be.'*

31st October 2018

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term!

Your child's topic this half term will be

Time Travellers

Focus: History

Year 2 will be starting their new topic this week. We will be learning about The Great Fire of London and London in the 17th century. We will be focusing on some of the ways in which we find out about the past and understanding how the events they study fit within a chronological framework and identify similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods.

Here is an overview of the topics that will be covered in the other curriculum areas.

Literacy	<p>The first book we will be reading is <i>Claude in the City</i> by Alex T. Smith*.</p> <p>The children will be learning how to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Form visualisations of a scene or character - Summarise and retell stories <p>* Spelling, punctuation and grammar will continue to be taught throughout the term.</p>
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Place value - Addition & subtraction - Multiplication and division - Measures - Money - Time
PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dance and movement games - Team games
PHSCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Getting on and falling out - People who help us - We will also have a fire safety workshop
RE	<p>Christianity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Why saints are important to Christians.

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Spanish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Communication skills

PE

Your child's PE days are **Monday and Tuesday; all children need to bring PE kits**. Please ensure your child comes to school with their PE kit.

Homework

Homework will continue to be sent out every Friday and returned the following Thursday.

Reading

We expect that your child reads on a daily basis for 10 – 20 minutes and that you sign your child's reading log every day to say that they have done this. Please can you discuss the plot and characters as well as the meaning of new words children encounter. This will help to develop comprehension skills. Your child's reading book will be changed every Thursday and their reading book checked, so please bring this in along with homework books.

Times Tables

By the end of Year 2, children are expected to know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables off by heart, including being able to count on 10 from any number e.g. 22, 32, 42, 52 etc.

We will practise this in maths every day through games. Please ensure your child practises these times tables on a daily basis as part of their homework routine.

Drinking water

We encourage children to drink water throughout the day. Please ensure your child has a **named** water bottle in school. They can either bring this home each day or leave it at school and refill it each morning.

Finally, I would just like to remind you that the school gates open at 8.50am each morning and that your child should be settled in class by 9am when learning starts. We will be practising handwriting each morning so it is vital that your children are on time. Please remember that the school day ends at 3.30pm and that children must be collected on time. Children will be returned to parents individually by me each day except on Wednesday when they will be dismissed by Ms Barker. It is important that staff are able to prepare lessons and attend staff meetings directly after school; therefore parents of children that are collected late will be fined £10.

I look forward to working with you all during what I'm sure will be a successful school term. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to come and talk to me in the playground after school or make an appointment with me, at the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Joanna Mosedale