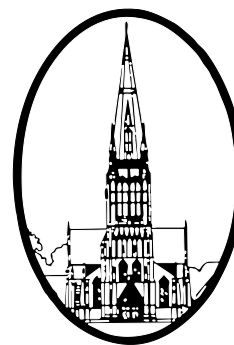


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*'Through God's love, we strive to be
the best we can be.'*

5th September 2019

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to Year 2. I hope you had a lovely summer and are ready for a new and exciting year of learning. This year we are lucky to have Miss Miller supporting us.

Your child's topic this half term will be
Everyday Materials
Focus: Science

Year 2 will be starting their new topic next week, we will be learning about lots of different materials that we use every day and their properties. We will be focusing on developing our scientific skills by making predictions, setting up and carrying out experiments and recording our results.

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

Literacy	The first book we will be reading is Rapunzel by Bethan Woollvin. The children will be learning how to: - Form inferences and make predictions - Write narratives that describe setting and characters * Spelling, punctuation and grammar will continue to be taught throughout the term.
Maths	- Place value - Addition & subtraction - Multiplication and division - Measures
PE	- Gymnastics and dance - Team games
PHSCE	- New beginnings - Healthy living
RE	Christianity and our unit is: - Why did Jesus teach the Lord's prayer as the way to pray?
Spanish	- 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. We will commence this within the next few weeks.

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 Friday and their reading record will be checked.

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. 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,

Leyla Skinner