

St Catherine's Catholic Primary School



Year 2 Autumn 1

English

This term in English, Year 2 will be looking at traditional tales with a twist, focusing on Little Red Reading Hood. We will then move on to a non-fiction unit using I am Neil Armstrong to help children retrieve facts and understand informational texts. Daily handwriting and phonics lessons will continue, alongside regular opportunities to read in the class library and with an adult to build confidence and enjoyment in reading.

Maths

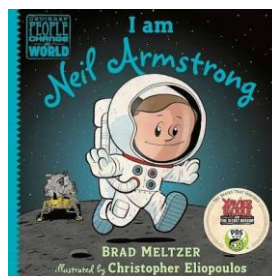
In maths this half-term, children will begin by developing fluency with numbers from 10 to 100, learning to recognise, order and compare them with confidence. They will then move on to practising addition and subtraction within 10 to secure their mental strategies. Following this, the children will apply their skills to calculations within 20, using their knowledge to solve problems and explain their reasoning.

RE

In RE this half-term, children will begin learning about Creation and Covenant following the new national RE scheme. This unit will include Psalms; Sacraments are living signs of Jesus's love; Baptism is the first Sacrament, welcoming people into the Christian family; The Rite of Baptism. We will furthermore continue Celebrations of the world, daily prayer and prayer journals.

Science

In science this half-term, children will be learning about animals, including humans. Looking at how we grow and change and are not all the same. Children will also learn life skills such as healthy eating, a balanced diet, and personal hygiene, including brushing teeth, washing, and sneezing.



History

In history this half-term, children will be learning about explorers. We will look at different significant explorers throughout the past and compare the different explorations. Throughout the unit we will discuss how exploring in the past and present is different, looking at technology, transport and safety.

Computing

In computing this half-term, children will be learning 'What is a computer?' Looking at the different parts of the computer, how it works and how we use these in the real world.

Music

In music this half term, children will complete some Djembe Drumming lessons focusing on the different beats, rhythm and pulses and furthermore building their drumming skills.

Art

In Art, we will focus on Painting and Textiles, inspired by Maria Prymachenko and Indian folk art. Children will explore the artists' styles and practise techniques using colour, pattern, and texture. They will then create their own Indian folk art and reflect on their own and others' work.

PSHE

This term in PSHE, we will be settling into the classroom and focusing on rules and expectations. We will also explore themed weeks, including Anti-bullying Week, to help children build positive relationships and understand how to stay safe and happy in school.

PE

In PE this half term we have both an inside and outside sport. For outside we are focusing on different throwing and catching skills. For our inside sport we will develop skills in invasion games. Focusing on attacking and defending skills but also working as a team.

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Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope you had the loveliest summer half term. I am so excited for us to start our Year 2 journey.

Key information

Homework is set on a Friday and is due in on a **Wednesday**.

Books should be brought **in daily** and please sign your child's record book once they have read at home. When your children are confident with their book, we will change it. They will also get a phonics book that aligns with their phonics lesson. Children should have a book bag to carry letters, homework, reading books and their reading record. This is to come to school every day.

No backpacks if possible as we have limited room in the classroom/cloakroom.

Please ensure that your child always has a labelled water bottle in school.

P.E kits –Your child will come to school in PE kit on PE days which are **Monday** and **Thursday** this half term. The school PE kit should include: a blue t-shirt, blue or black shorts/jogging bottoms and trainers.

No jewellery to be worn to school.

Each day your child is expected to do the following at home:

«15 minutes reading «15 spellings

I am available after school if you wish to discuss any issues or concerns. If you wish to arrange an appointment, please contact the school office.

Mrs Philips will be our lovely teaching assistant this year.

Thank you for your continued co-operation and support.

Miss Lamb.