

Parent Overview
Spring 2019



This overview provides you with information about what your child will be learning during the Spring term. In addition, all pupils will continue to learn about the Catholic Virtues and British Values as appropriate throughout the curriculum. If you require any further information, please feel free to contact your child's class teacher. Thank you.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>English</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p> <p>This term we will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">👉 Exploring the features of Non-fiction texts👉 Writing and presenting reports👉 Writing setting and character descriptions👉 Planning and writing stories👉 Exploring and writing poetry👉 Developing our comprehension skills (e.g. scanning the text for answers, understanding how to answer different questions, making predictions based on what has been said or done).👉 Developing our use of punctuation when writing (including apostrophes, commas, exclamation marks, question marks).👉 Extending sentences with conjunctions and beginning sentences in different ways.👉 Developing our spelling by adding suffixes, prefixes or spelling common words accurately.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Maths</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p> <p>This term we will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">👉 Developing our understanding of place value in 2-digit numbers👉 Using place value facts and number bonds to add and subtract mentally👉 Developing our understanding of estimation using number👉 Using money to calculate amounts in different ways and finding change👉 Learning about 3D shapes and their properties including naming 2D shapes on the faces of a 3D shape👉 Revising fractions of amounts and shapes including half, quarter, three quarter and thirds👉 Developing our measurement skills in length, height and mass.👉 Learning how to tell the time using: o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to👉 Applying our maths skills to solve problems in all of the above
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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Religious Education</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p> <p>This term we will be looking at the story of Christmas. We will be thinking about the journeys associated with the Christmas story and what these journeys tell us about Jesus' birth.</p> <p>We will then look at how we share in the life of Jesus. Through this the children will develop a</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Science</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p> <p>Our first science topic is called: 'Changing shape'. We will be learning how to make changes to materials by stretching, squashing, bending and twisting them. We will take part in a variety of investigations about different materials.</p> <p>Our second science topic is called: 'Habitats'.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Computing</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p> <p>This term we will be reminding ourselves about how to use technology safely and respectfully.</p> <p>We will be using technology purposefully to research information to support our topic learning.</p> <p>The children will also learn about algorithms</p>
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<p>greater understanding of who Jesus is and how we can celebrate and remember his life.</p> <p>The children will also have the opportunity to learn about the season of Lent, thinking about the importance of the theme of forgiveness.</p>	<p>We will be learning about habitats. We will identify some plants and animals in our local environment and learn about different habitats where plants and animals live. We will make comparisons between habitats by thinking about temperature and weather. We will design our own habitats suitable for different animals.</p>	<p>and use these to direct others or a robot around a map using positional and directional language.</p>
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<p><u>Topic</u></p> <p>This term our topics are:</p> <p>Spring 1: Land Ahoy! - Where can you find treasure?</p> <p>Spring 2: Street detectives - What do you know about where you live?</p> <p>In Land Ahoy, we will be learning about famous sea explorers and pirates in history. We will be locating seas around the UK and countries around the world on a map and helping a Captain to plan his journey using our own simple sketch maps. As part of the topic, children will also be learning all about the work of the RNLI sea rescue and developing their understanding of how lighthouses help sea explorers too.</p> <p>In Street detectives, we will be using maps and satellite images of our local community to find recognisable features and landmarks and to identify changes over time. We will be looking at homes, shops and our school to see the similarities and differences between the past and present, including how they may have changed. We will also be thinking about how to look after our community and school and how we can improve the environment for ourselves and others.</p>
<p><u>Other important information</u></p> <p>Children will need their PE kit on a Tuesday, Wednesday and a Friday (please ensure your child is not wearing any earrings on these days).</p>
<p><u>Important dates for the term</u></p> <p>Thursday 10th January - Year 2 will come to school dressed as a pirate or famous explorer to launch our new topic.</p> <p>Friday 25th January - INSET day. School closed to pupils.</p> <p>Friday 8th February- Year 2 will have a special visit from the RNLI to learn about the work that they do and how they can keep themselves safe in the water. There will be no cost for this visit.</p> <p>Thursday 7th March - World book day. Children to dress up as a character from a book.</p> <p>Friday 5th April- Year 2 Mass.</p>

Tuesday 12th March - KS1 SATs meeting - 3.30pm

Tuesday 19th March - Year 2 cake sale for Lenten charity.

Tuesday 19th March - Parents evening (4pm-6.50pm) and Thursday 21st March (3.30pm-5.20pm).

Friday 15th March - Whole school science day.

Wednesday 10th March - Easter bonnet parade 9.15am.

How to help at home

Reading books will be changed twice a week in year 2. Please aim to read at least one school book a week and write a comment in your child's reading record. In addition to reading books, children will continue to have reading books available on Active learn.

Homework will continue to be given to children each week on a Friday. This will be due in on Wednesday of the following week.

In year two, it is vital that children begin spelling common words correctly and use phonics and other strategies to support their spelling. In phonics and spelling lessons we will be teaching spelling patterns and spelling rules that we will ask children to apply in their writing. Each week as part of their homework, the children will be asked to investigate, practise or apply a different spelling pattern or rule.

At the end of year two, children will take part in statutory tests in maths, reading, spelling and grammar. All the work that we do in class and the homework that we set will help to support children with these tests and there is no need to complete additional practice tests at home.

If you have any concerns or questions please feel free to speak to Miss Emery or Mrs Norris. Thank you for your support.