

Parent Overview
Year 2 Autumn 2018



This overview provides you with information about what your child will be learning during the Autumn 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 align="center"><u>English</u></p>  <p>This term we will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 👣 Reading, discussing and writing traditional tales and alternative versions 👣 Participating in role play 👣 Reading and writing instructions 👣 Writing first person recounts telling historical events 👣 Using adverbs of time to aid sequencing 👣 Using capital letters, full stops, exclamation marks and question marks correctly in statements, questions and exclamations 👣 Learning about spelling common words and words ending in suffixes (ed, ing, es, er, est, ful and ly) 👣 Using the past and present tense correctly 👣 Using conjunctions and noun phrases 👣 Planning and evaluating our work 	<p align="center"><u>Maths</u></p>  <p>This term we will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 👣 Learning about place value in two-digit numbers 👣 Ordering numbers and using the <, > and = symbols to compare their size 👣 Learning about addition and subtraction methods for one and two-digit numbers 👣 Learning about multiplication and division methods including using arrays 👣 Measuring length and mass using standard units of measurement 👣 Understanding how to read and create tally charts and graphs 👣 Solving problems using the skills we have learnt
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<p align="center"><u>Religious Education</u></p>  <p>This term we will be looking at stories, people and prayers from the Old Testament. We will look at the relationship that people like Noah, Jonah, David and Daniel had with God. We will learn that God gave these people special talents and</p>	<p align="center"><u>Science</u></p>  <p>This term we will be learning about uses of materials. We will use scientific vocabulary to describe the properties of different materials and we will use our maths skills to sort materials into different groups. We will investigate which materials are suitable</p>	<p align="center"><u>Computing</u></p>  <p>This term we will be learning about using technology safely and respectfully by keeping passwords and personal information private, and by speaking to an adult if we have concerns about things we see online.</p>
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<p>we will think about the gifts that God has given to us. We will read Old Testament psalms and prayers and we will write our own psalms.</p> <p>The children will also learn about special celebrations and become familiar with the different church seasons. We will build upon our knowledge of the importance of Baptism and Marriage for Christians.</p> <p>We will then learn about the life of Jesus and what makes a good follower of Jesus.</p> <p>Before the end of the Autumn term, we will also learn about Advent which includes the story of Zechariah and John the Baptist.</p>	<p>for different tasks and use our knowledge to design, make and test products.</p> <p>After half term, we will be learning about living things. This will include sorting and comparing things that are alive, things that were once alive and things that have never been alive. We will identify some properties of living things, discuss how we change and grow and develop our understanding of lifecycles.</p>	<p>We will also be using technology purposefully to take photographs, produce drawings and create presentations.</p>
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<p><u>Topic</u></p> <p>This term our topics are:</p> <p>Autumn 1: Towers, Tunnels and Turrets - Who lives in a castle like this?</p> <p>Autumn 2: Muck, Mess and Mixtures - How messy can you be in your art?</p> <p>In Towers, Tunnels and Turrets, we will be learning about castles from different periods, great towers and structures from around the world and exploring world famous tunnels, locating these on maps. We will be learning about the true story of the World War Two 'Great Escape' and about the amazing structures built by Brunel. We will also explore our local area by looking at towers, chimneys, bridges and structures in Tamworth.</p> <p>In Muck, Mess and Mixtures, we will be learning about how to use different techniques and resources to create artwork or products. We will be learning about different artists and the techniques they have used so that we can recreate their work. As part of our topic, we will also be following recipes and tasting different foods. We will be discussing and sorting healthy and unhealthy foods from around the world too.</p> <p><u>Other important information</u></p>

Children will need their PE kit on a Tuesday and a Friday (please ensure your child is not wearing any earrings on these days).

Important dates for the term

Monday 10th September - Welcome to Y2 meeting 3.40pm

Wednesday 3rd October - Year 2 trip to Tamworth castle

Tuesday 23rd / Thursday 25th October - Parent consultation evening

Friday 23rd November - Year 2 will lead Mass

Thursday 6th December - Trip to Lichfield Garrick: 12.15 - 3.45

Friday 14th December - KS1 Christmas nativity at 2.15 pm

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 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 there will be a spelling activity to complete as part of the children's homework activities to practise a spelling rule we have learnt. This will be included on the homework task sheet.

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.