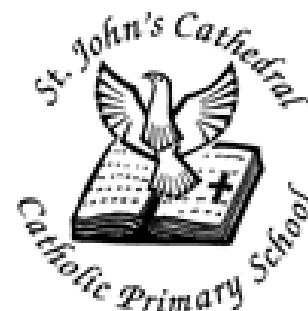


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Year 2 Autumn Term Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents,

I hope you find the following information of use in knowing what your children will be covering this term and helping to support them.

The main difference your child will encounter this year is that during May they will have SAT tests in maths, reading and writing. It is therefore very important that attendance is regular.

In **literacy** and **numeracy** similar areas of learning are covered each year but naturally with greater depth and at a more difficult level.

In **literacy** we will be looking at story writing and instruction writing.

In **numeracy** we will be focusing on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

In Science they will be developing the key skills of observation, reading and prediction while finding out about materials and variation in species.

ICT is used to support many subject areas. We will particularly be concentrating on developing keyboard skills to write, edit and present stories.

In P.E. we will be having two lessons a week. One will be ball skills focusing on sending and receiving a ball. The other will be dance exploring festival dances and developing our own. P.E. is held on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Correct P.E. kit **must** be worn.

In History we will be finding out about seaside holidays in the past. In particular we will be using the skill of recognising why people did things, why events happened and what happened as a result.

In Geography we will be finding out about an island home and in particular using the skills of comparing and contrasting.



In Art we will be concentrating on developing picture making skills using a variety of media, including pencil, paint and pastel.

In DT we will be designing and making Joseph's Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat and looking in particular at how well we can design and evaluate.

R.E. is a very important part of our curriculum. We develop further our knowledge and understanding.

This is achieved through our study of:

The Mission Statement
Creation
St. John's Gospel
Prayer and Feasts
Advent/Christmas

Our Family Learning will be on Friday 18th September at 8.55 a.m.

I hope you will be able to attend our Class Mass / Liturgy in the Cathedral on Thursday 12th November at 9.30 a.m.

Homework is a very important part of helping your child to achieve their potential. Homework is not optional. We hope you will support your child in ensuring that it is complete and returned to school on time.

Homework Timetable

Reading every night

Monday – Spellings

Friday - Literacy and Numeracy

Test - Friday

Return - Monday

I am delighted at how well your children have settled into Year 2 already and look forward to meeting you all later this term in order to discuss your child's progress.

Yours sincerely,

L. Park
Year 2 Teacher