



# Year 2 Newsletter

## Autumn Term

St George & St. Martin Catholic Academy.

Welcome back to the start of the autumn term at St. George & St. Martin. It is fantastic to see the children all back in school after the summer holidays. The children have all settled into their new Year 2 classroom really well and are already working hard and enjoying lots of new learning. This newsletter will give you more information about what is happening in the classroom and all the exciting things that the children will be learning about in Year 2 this term.

### Staff in Year 2

Miss Arif  
Class Teacher



Mrs Smith  
Senior Teaching Assistant



Miss Foulkes  
SEN Support Assistant



#### History

##### Who were the great explorers?

Christopher Columbus,  
Neil Armstrong, Battuta  
Amelia Earhart, Edward John Smith

#### Geography

- UK capital cities
- Human & Physical features e.g. coast, mountains
- World - 7 continents & 5 oceans



#### Computing

Online Safety  
Program a robot to do a task.  
Identify where a program goes wrong and debug it.

#### DT Mechanical Moving wheels

Design and make a moving Vehicle  
**Food product**  
Cut food safely & Weigh ingredients e.g Sangria, pizza

#### PE

Tuesday: Swimming kits in school please.  
Thursday: PE kits in school please.  
Our class Olympian is Max Whitlock.



#### Art

Observe the work of our class artist Clarice Cliff.  
Know how to mix paint to create all the secondary colours  
Create tints with paint by adding white and know how to create tones with paint by adding black.

#### English

- Stories by our class author Judith Kerr
- Diary entries / Recounts
- Character description
- Traditional stories
- Classic and nonsense poetry
- Instructions



**A large focus will be on handwriting, Punctuation, Grammar and Vocabulary**

#### Maths

- Place value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and Division
- Money
- Shape



#### R.E.

- Old testament stories and prayers
- Sharing in the life of Jesus
- Parables and Miracles
- Advent
- Christmas



**Our class Saint is Saint Francis of Assisi**

#### Science Living Things and Their Habitats

- Comparison of things which are living, dead or have never been alive
- Habitats and Microhabitats
- World habitats
- Food chains
- Classification of rainforest and polar animals
- Ocean habitats and water pollution
- Endangered animals



## What can you do at home?

- It is so important to read with your child at home. We ask that you help your child with their reading book at least 3 times a week and sign their reading diary.
- Practice spellings weekly with your child. These will be tested at the end of the term.
- Encourage your child to complete their homework.



## Reminder

The children in Year 2 are provided with a choice of fresh fruit during the morning break. They may also like to bring in fruit, toast or an oatcake with cheese from home.



## Questions or Queries.

If you have any questions or queries don't hesitate to contact me for an informal chat or you can make an appointment to see me at the school office. We all want the children to have a very productive, enjoyable year and the best way to ensure this is to nip any small problems in the bud before they become bigger problems.



## Just a reminder...

ALL items of clothing to please be labelled with your child's names, including ties and shoes.

NO jewellery to be worn on PE days please.

## Days to remember:

- ☺ Homework given out on a Wednesday, back into school on a Monday.
- ☺ Spellings are given termly. Children need to practice weekly in Homework books.
- ☺ Reading books will be changed once a week. Please make sure children read both books.
- ☺ Please ensure books and diaries are in school every day. Reading diaries must be signed before books are changed.
- ☺ Swimming Kits in school on **Tuesday** (Wb: Tuesday 26th September). PE kits in school on **Thursday** please.
- ☺ Water bottles in school everyday.

