

## Year 2 Housekeeping Letter

Term 1-2 2016

Welcome to Year 2. It will be a busy year with lots of new learning happening. Children in Year 2 sit SATs test papers at the end of the year, all the new skills we will be teaching them support them in their development, helping them to work at an age appropriate level as well as giving them the key skills to access the test papers. We appreciate your support.

In **English** we will be continuing to develop a positive attitude and stamina towards writing, by

- Writing narratives
- Writing about real events
- Writing for a purpose

We will be looking at a variety of texts to give children a broad range of experiences and opportunities to develop their language.

In **Maths**, we are excited to have started our new maths curriculum (Inspire Maths). Over the coming terms we are working on securing children in place value and number. Please support your child, and us, by completing the homework we have set and using everyday opportunities to look at number, eg- cooking, shopping, money and counting (you could ask 1 more or 1 less than a number.)

In **S.P.a.G**, We will be having daily SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) lessons which will link in to our RWI (Read, Write Inc) sessions. The children will be tested on the SPaG knowledge in their end of year tests. We will be continuing to develop their use of punctuation including capital letters and full stops as well as learning new skills such as using commas in lists and inverted commas.

In **Religious Education** our topics will be The Chosen people were we will be learning about how God chose special people to help him, learning about Abraham and Moses In term 2 will be looking at Mysteries This topic is designed to develop the children's knowledge and understanding of the term 'mystery' and of the Christian understanding of God as 'Trinity'.

**History and Geography:** Term 1 we will be looking at Famous People. We will be learning about the Olympics and Paralympics and famous athletes from the past and present. In term 2 we will become weather experts and investigate different weather patterns and climate changes from around the world.

**Science:** We will be using a variety of skills throughout the year including making observations, predictions and testing. In term 1 we will be looking at Ourselves and learning about the human body. In term 2 we will learning about Materials and the good and bad uses for a variety of different materials.

### Homework

Children in Year 2 are expected to read on **NIGHTLY** basis. This should be recorded and signed by you in their Learning Journals We have started to use a new reading program, **Accelerated reader**. Children will read their reading book and then once the book is read they will complete a 'quiz' to see if they have a good comprehension of what they have read. If they do not pass their quiz the book will then be sent home again.

Year 2 is an extremely important year the children will be completing **SATs** tests at the end of the year, it is therefore imperative that homework set is completed every week. Homework will be sent out every Friday and is due in for the following **Thursday**. This will consist of a written activity and a maths activity.

**Miss. Ryan**  
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