

# Year Two Class Newsletter

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Welcome back to a second term - Autumn 2!

We hope you all had a wonderful autumn break and spent lots of time with your families. Here is some key information for the upcoming half-term - it's a busy one, so please always check dojo to ensure you are up to date with key information.

- A conversation after school.
- Class Dojo—after school up until 4.30pm
- Telephone—please call school to arrange a telephone conversation (0121 464 6921)

Here's to another wonderful half-term!

## Winter months

As we approach the winter months, please be mindful of a few things.

1. **Uniform** - The school uniform policy (located on our school website) outlines our winter uniform. We ask for no summer dresses or shorts to be worn in winter. Girls can wear grey tailored trousers.
2. **Keeping warm** - As it gets colder, please send your child into school with coats, gloves, scarves and hats. It can be chilly at break and lunchtimes, therefore it is important they keep as warm as possible. **Please label these items.**

## Reading and Homework

The homework for year two will be reading, weekly spellings and Numbots whenever possible. Your child will come home with two reading books. Please take the time to read for at least 10 minutes every night and sign their diary at least once. This will make such a huge difference to their fluency. Thank you!

## Class Dojo



Keep a look out on Class Dojo and Twitter for posts about what we are up to!

## PE

Your child **must** come to school dressed for PE on their PE day.

Year 2's PE day is on a **Monday**.

A **full PE kit** is a plain white t-shirt, black or navy joggers (no logo), black or white trainers (which must be Velcro in KS1) or school pumps.

A school jumper or cardigan must also be worn on this day.

Please ensure that all clothing and items belonging to your child are clearly labelled. It can be very hard to keep track of items such as jumpers, therefore it is vital that they are clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

It is always an extremely busy half-term leading up to Christmas.

Please be vigilant to what is going on in school as we have own clothes days, charity work and Christmas events planned in the lead up to Christmas.



Be sure to follow our school twitter @SaintPeterSch for weekly updates on what Year 2 and the rest of the school are getting up to!

## DIARY DATES

Please note these are only provisional and can change.

Tuesday 4th November - school photographs

Friday 7th November - own clothes day. Please donate £1 towards the PTA

Monday 15th December - KS1 Nativity PM performance

Tuesday 16th December - KS1 Nativity AM performance

Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 18th December - Christmas Party Afternoon

## Maths

We will continue focusing on addition and subtraction, with a huge drive on adding two-digit numbers across ten as well as missing number problems. We will also explore the differences between 2D and 3D shapes as well as understanding vertices, faces, edges and lines of symmetry.

## English

In English we are beginning the half-term with the story "The Koala who could", with a focus on non-chronological reports. We will look at co-ordination using and, but, or and suffixes to form new words. We will also spend time focusing on different types of acrostic poetry.

## RE

In RE we are developing our understanding of parables and miracles. We will explore Jesus' qualities as a teacher and healer. We will also understand that the Church carries on Jesus' work of healing through the Sacrament of the Sick.

## Science

This half-term, pupils will learn about living things and their environments. We will look closely at different habitats. These include deserts, rainforests, meadows and underground habitats. The children will also learn about food chains and the relationship between a producer, consumer and predator within a food chain.

## PE

This half-term our unit in PE is send and return.

## History

This half-term in History we will be learning about the Romans in Britain. We will begin by learning about the growth of the Roman Empire and how it expanded across Europe. Pupils will learn about the invasion of Britain and how the Romans then built towns.

## Music

Pupils will be learning how to use their voice expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes.

## Computing

This half-term we will focus on creating media - digital photography. Pupils will learn to recognise that different devices can be used to capture photographs and will gain experience capturing, editing and improving photos.

## PRE

Our PRE lessons will focus on exploring all our individual qualities that make us so special. We will use this to understand that we should always celebrate our differences. Our lessons will also focus on friendships, how to be a good friend and how to deal with fall outs.

## Art

We will continue learning about colour and shape by looking at cut-outs of Matisse. We will discover how he carefully assembled his different shapes and colours and make our own cut-outs. We will also explore how artists create texture in their drawings and paintings and try to do this themselves using pencil and oil pastels.

# Year 2 Spellings Spring Two

We learn our spellings each morning and finish with a spelling test on a Friday.

| Week 1<br>Words where 'wr' makes a /r/ sound<br>at the beginning of words                      | Week 2<br>Words ending in 'le'                                                              | Week 3<br>Words ending in 'el'                                                               |
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| write<br>written<br>wrong<br>wrap<br>wren<br>wrecked<br>wrapped<br>wiggle<br>wrestle<br>wrote  | table<br>bubble<br>apple<br>cable<br>bottle<br>uncle<br>little<br>ankle<br>middle<br>eagle  | camel<br>tunnel<br>squirrel<br>travel<br>towel<br>tinsel<br>hazel<br>vowel<br>angel<br>jewel |
| Week 4<br>Words ending in 'al'                                                                 | Week 5<br>Words ending in 'il'                                                              | Week 6<br>Words where /y/ makes an 'igh'<br>sound                                            |
| medal<br>petal<br>capital<br>hospital<br>animal<br>equal<br>final<br>pedal<br>local<br>magical | pencil<br>gerbil<br>fossil<br>nostril<br>pupil<br>April<br>lentil<br>evil<br>anvil<br>basil | cry<br>fly<br>dry<br>try<br>reply<br>July<br>shy<br>spy<br>sky<br>why                        |

There will be no spellings on the last week of term.