




Spring 2 2024 – Newsletter Year 2 – St Teresa of Calcutta



<p>Core text for English</p> <p>Supplementary texts</p>	<p>Throughout this half term, our core text is “The Boy Who Grew Dragons” by Andy Shepherd. A Story about a boy who discovers a strange, old tree at the bottom of his grandad’s garden. Next, we will be reading ‘The Climber’s by Ali Standish. A Story about lonely Alma who longs to explore the lush forest beyond her narrow town.</p>
<p>English focus</p>	<p>Creative Writing</p> <p>As a class, we will be continuing to develop our imagination and vocabulary and grammar skills through drama and role play.</p> <p>Our writing outcomes will be an instructional leaflet on how to care for a dragon, setting description and a poster explaining the importance of caring for our environment.</p>
<p>Phonics focus</p>	<p>Daily Phonics and Reading practice sessions.</p> <p>This term, we are working through the Year 2- Bridge to Spelling programme from the Little Wandle’s Letter and Sounds scheme. Some children will also have Rapid Catch-up for any gaps in their knowledge.</p> <p>https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk</p> <p>Children have three reading sessions a week and will bring home a levelled and choice book to read at home. Please read with or to your children for 10 minutes a day.</p> <p>Please see the following link for parent support at home; https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/</p>
<p>Maths focus</p>	<p>This half term we have moved onto Multiplication and Division. The children will be learning to recall multiplication and division facts for 2, 5 and 10 and use them to solve simple problems, demonstrating an understanding of commutativity as necessary. They will also learn to recall and use multiplication and division facts for 2, 5 and 10 and make deductions outside known multiplication facts and show that multiplication of two numbers can be done in any order (commutative) and division of one number by another cannot.</p>
<p>RE focus</p>	<p>Topic: Eucharist: - Thanksgiving Key question: Why should we be grateful people?</p> <p>Lent/Easter: - Opportunities Big question- How does each day offer opportunities?</p>
<p>Faith in Action</p>	 <p>This Lent CAFOD is supporting families with the skills and tools they’ve asked for to fight the climate crisis. The children of St Joseph’s will be doing a sponsored walk to raise money for Cafod and the ‘Big Lent Walk’.</p>

<p>Foundation subject topics - geography, science, computing, MFL, Music and PSHE</p>	<p>Geography: We are Feature Finders; Mountains, coasts and rivers. Science: Use of Everyday Materials/ Living Things and Their Habitats PSHE: Relationships Computing: We Are Game Testers DT: Design and Making a Habitat</p>
<p>PE days (and kit expectations)</p>	<p>Tuesday & Wednesday - please wear black jogging bottoms/leggings, a white round neck t-shirt and trainers or plimsolls. Please wear your school jumper over the top of your PE kit.</p>
<p>Ways to help at home</p>	<p>Please bring in book bags every day. Books will be changed on Monday and Wednesday with the reading books and signed record book. Please ensure you are reading with your child at home every evening for a minimum of ten minutes. Please log all reading in your child's reading record.</p> <p>Please bring reading records every day.</p> <p>Activities that you could do at home:</p> <p>Play games that use dice, such as Ludo, monopoly etc. to help develop maths skills. Scrabble is a fun game to play, and helps develop spelling. Reading non-fiction books linked to your child's interests to expand their knowledge.</p> <p>Homework will be given out every Friday and will also be uploaded onto Google Classroom weekly. To log into Google Classroom, use your child's unique username followed by <u>@stjosephsgsuite.co.uk</u> and their unique password. Year 2 class is referred to as 'St Teresa of Calcutta' class. Homework must be returned on Wednesdays.</p> <p>It is essential that you practise phonics with your children regularly to continue to develop their reading ability and understanding of language.</p>
<p>Key dates</p>	<p>See below & website</p>
<p>Additional information</p>	<p>We are both excited to be working with you and your child to ensure they have a great learning experience in year 2.</p> <p>If you have any questions, I have put the school support email address below;</p> <p>School Support: support@stjosephs.greenwich.sch.uk</p>

Year 2 team



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